



# Evergreen News

December 2-6, 2019

Mr. Stephen E. Sweeney, Principal

## Soaring into the Future - One Student at a Time

### Show Your Child How to Give Meaningful Gifts that are Free!

Many people exchange gifts over the holiday season. While kids enjoy receiving gifts from family, they also enjoy being able to give gifts. Giving gifts can be a great sense of pride for your child.

Does your child know what type of gifts are the most meaningful? These gifts do not cost money. They take time and come straight from the heart.

Here are a few of the many ways your child can give gifts this holiday season. They can:

- ◇ Offer to run errands for an elderly neighbor.
- ◇ Record themselves reading a book for a younger sibling to read along.
- ◇ Make a list. Write “My 10 Best Memories with Grandpa.”
- ◇ Promise to play a favorite game with a family member or a neighbor who is home-bound.
- ◇ Promise to do a chore for an entire month. No whining!
- ◇ Record an audio or video message for a loved one who is far away.
- ◇ Bake cookies. Take them to someone who may not receive many homemade gifts.
- ◇ Create a calendar for 2020. Decorate it with personalized artwork, one drawing for each month.

Source: B. Taylor, *What Kids Really Want that Money Can't Buy: Tips for Parenting in a Commercial World*, Warner Books.

We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean.  
But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop. -Mother Teresa

# Evergreen Events

December 2-13	Second Harvest Food Drive
December 2-17	Toys for Tots Toy Drive
December 10	Coffee Chat with Mr. Sweeney about Assessment 8:45-9:45 in the Eagles Nest
December 10	Principal Picnic
December 19	NOT A MINIMUM DAY
December 19	Holiday Hat Walk to School Day <b>Parking Lot &amp; Drive Thru closed AM</b>
December 20	MINIMUM DAY RELEASE
December 23-January 5	Winter Holidays Break (no school)
January 6	Welcome Back School Resumes 8:25am



Our visitor parking lot is reserved during afternoon pick-up for our after school childcare pick-ups as well as for the parents of our Special Day Class (SDC). Recently, I was informed by our Transportation Department that their bus drivers are having a hard time getting their busses into Corporation Yard which is located next to our visitor parking lot due to some of our parents parking in "No Parking" areas of the parking lot and some even entering the Corporation Yard. Please DO NOT utilize our visitor parking lot for afternoon pick-up between 1:30pm and 3:00pm unless you are an after school day care provider or a parent of one of our SDC students. Of course, if you have a handicap placard you will be able to park in one of the handicap spots located in the visitor parking lot. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

# Do You Want to Buy a Yearbook?



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Evergreen Elementary



ONE WARM COAT

Please bring any coats, jackets and sweatshirts of all sizes to the school office and they will be collected and delivered to the "One Warm Coat Project" at Sacred Heart Community Services.

DONATIONS WILL BE PICKED UP ON  
DECEMBER 4TH, 2019



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# History of The Toys for Tots Program

For 71 Years The Marine Corps Has Been Making a Difference in the Lives of American Families



## Origin and Evolution of Toys for Tots Program

Toys for Tots began in 1947 as the brain child of Marine Corps Reserve Major Bill Hendricks. Actually it was his wife, Diane, who was the real inspiration. She had crafted a few handcrafted dolls and asked Bill to deliver them to an agency that supports children in need.

When Bill reported back to his wife that he could not find such an organization, she instructed him to "start one!". Maj Hendricks and the Marines in his reserve unit in LA collected and distributed 5,000 toys in 1947.

Seeing such successful community engagement in 1947, the Commandant directed all Marine Reserve Sites to implement a TFT campaign transforming it into a national community action program in 1948.

Bill Hendrick's civilian job was Director of Public Relations at Warner Brothers Studios. He was friends with many celebrities who he asked to help support the newly created Marine Toys for Tots Program. As a personal friend and as a favor to Bill, Walt Disney designed the first Toys for Tots poster which included a miniature three-car train that was subsequently adopted as the Toys for Tots logo.

The Marine Toys for Tots Foundation, an IRS recognized 501 (c) (3) not-for-profit charity, was established in 1991 at the behest of the Marine Corps to help run and support the Marine Toys for Tots Program.

The Foundation raises funds, purchases toys, provides promotional and support materials, manages all funds raised and donated, solicits corporate support, educates the public, and handles day-to-day operations.

Presently, the Marine Toys for Tots Program distributes an average of 18 million toys to 7 million less fortunate children annually.



**55,892**

Toys Distributed

## The Local Impact

San Jose CA during 2018



**47,909**

Children Supported

## 2019 Second Harvest Food Drive

It is important for our children to learn that we are all connected with responsibilities toward one another and to society. The qualities of generosity, caring, compassion and service to others becomes a strong and integral part of a child's character when he/she is given opportunities and is encouraged to perform both small and large acts of kindness. By teaching children to give generously of their time, talents and treasures, we are helping them build the pillars of character of caring and community service within themselves,



As in the past, our school will be participating in a food drive. Students are asked to bring in non-perishable food to be donated to the **Second Harvest Food Bank** for distribution to families in need. The canned food drive will begin the week of December 2<sup>nd</sup> and continue through December 13<sup>th</sup>. You can help your children experience the joy of giving and learn the importance of stewardship by talking to them about service to others, by helping them select food to donate, and by encouraging your children to give generously.

**To donate online - You can make a secure, tax - deductible financial donation in a matter of minutes: [www.shfb.org/donateonline](http://www.shfb.org/donateonline) - Go to Donate to Your Group's Drive**

### **MOST NEEDED FOODS**

The Food Bank needs nutritious, non-perishable foods:

- ◆ Meals in a can (stew, chili, soup)
- ◆ Tuna / canned meat
- ◆ Peanut butter
- ◆ Canned foods with pop-top lids
- ◆ Low sugar cereals
- ◆ 100% fruit juices in single serving boxes
- ◆ Canned fruit packed in juice
- ◆ Canned vegetables (low salt)