

# Culverdale Elementary School



## Koala News



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Allie Nixon, Principal

Dear Culverdale Families,

We have just one more week to go before winter break, and flu season is here. Please follow these steps to minimize illness and lessen the impact the flu can have on your child's attendance and learning:

- 1) *Wash your hands often.* The use of hand sanitizing products and good hygiene can drastically minimize the spread of germs.
- 2) *Cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing.* The flu is spread mainly through the air when an infected person coughs or sneezes.
- 3) *Minimize sharing cell phones, pencils or other personal objects to minimize the spread of germs.*
- 4) *Look for flu symptoms:* fever, headache, chills, body aches, tiredness, dry throat, sore throat, nasal congestion.
- 5) *Drink fluids, eat well, and get plenty of sleep and exercise.*

Please remember that if your child is ill and/or has a *fever over 99 degrees, he/she must stay home.* Students must be fever-free for at least 24 hours before returning to school. The first days of illness are typically the most severe and the most contagious. For more resources, visit the IUSD Health Services site at <http://www.iusd.org/health/Guidelines.htm>.

Wishing you and yours good health,  
Allie Nixon, Principal  
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### **Koala Pride Awards Assemblies**

Please join me in congratulating students displaying Koala Pride values. The November/December Awards Assemblies will honor children that have shown compassion and honesty and are responsible, diligent students. PTA Reflections participants and winners will also be recognized. The assemblies are held at 8:05am in the courtyard. Grades 1-3 will meet on Wednesday, 12/19 and grades 4-6 will gather on Thursday, 12/20.

### **Spirit Wear**

PTA has extended the sales of spirit wear until December 20<sup>th</sup>. Order forms are in the office and on the school website. A few dark navy tie dye tee shirts are available on a first come basis.

### **Holiday Shop**

Thank you to all the families that assisted with the Holiday Shop. We could not have had the shop without your help, especially when we learned at the last minute that the merchandise shipment was delayed due to the floods in the Pacific Northwest. Thanks to Rose in the front office for finding a local vendor that could deliver quickly and to the volunteers for setting up quickly. The children had a great time shopping for their family and for themselves. Special thanks to Rania Khalaf for organizing this fun shopping experience for our students.

### **Lost and Found**

Are you missing something? Our lost and found is full of wonderful sweatshirts, jackets and lunch boxes. Please remind students to look in the lost and found for their items. Lost and found is located outside the front office by the music room. All items left in the bin over the holiday will be donated to charity.

### **Upcoming Dates**

December 14	Limo Ride/Boomers with Principal (Gift Wrap Sales Winners)
December 19	Koala Pride Primary Grade Awards – Courtyard @ 8:05; Kindergarten – PAC @ 11:00
December 20	Koala Pride Upper Grade Awards Assembly – Courtyard @ 8:05
December 21	Early Release Day - Winter Break begins at 1:05pm – Report Cards go home
January 7, 2008	Return to School

### **Koala Pride Motto**

***“We value each other and our diversity, and strive to do our personal best everyday.”***

If you would like an oral Japanese translation of this newsletter, please call Ms. Suda at 936.5600.