

**MORIAH ELEMENTARY PARENT NOTES**  
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**EARLY RELEASE**

Due to Staff Development on December 15<sup>th</sup>, there will be an Early Release for all students. All students will be dismissed at 1:00 and we will be using one bus run for elementary and high school students. Please keep in mind the **Afterschool Program is closed** when there is an early release, therefore **please send in a bus note** with your child on this day if he/she will be riding the bus to daycare or home.



**WINTER WEATHER**

As bad weather approaches, please be prepared for early dismissal. School cancellations can be heard on WPTZ Channel 5, WOKO 98.9, WIPS 1250 AM AND WEZF 92.9. **Do you have an up-to-date early release plan? Does your child's teacher know where your child is to go in the event of a weather-related early dismissal?** Keep in mind the Afterschool Program (ACAP) will not be open in this situation. For **full day** cancellations, we will use our automated phone system to notify parents.



**CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

Our Christmas Concert, featuring our Elementary Chorus and Elementary Band is scheduled for Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM in the auditorium. You and your family are cordially invited to attend. Please come out and enjoy some top-notch holiday entertainment!

**EARLY RELEASE**

On Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> there will be an early release for all students. All students will be dismissed at 11:30 and we will be using one bus run for elementary and high school students. No lunch will be served on this day. The Afterschool Program (ACAP) will not be open. Please plan accordingly!

**SPELLING BEE BUZZZZ.....**

Students in grades 4-6 will be qualifying for our local Spelling Bee. Local qualifiers will participate in the Moriah Elementary Spelling Bee on Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM. Grade level winners will then advance in the Regional Spelling Bee, held at Seton Catholic on March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6 PM. Snow date will be March 3<sup>rd</sup>. We love the Spelling Bee!



**SENIOR CITIZEN DINNER**

Our Eighth Annual Senior Citizen Christmas Dinner will be Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 PM to 6:30 PM in the school cafeteria.

**UPCOMING EARLY RELEASE DATES SCHEDULED**

There will be an Early Release for Professional Development on the following days:

January 24, 2012 – Dismissal 11:30  
February 13, 2012 – Dismissal 1:00

Also, school will be in session on Good Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. There will be Early Release on this day--Students will be dismissed at 11:30.

**PTA REFLECTIONS PROGRAM**

The Moriah PTA recently conducted their 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Reflections Program, a competition of creative and visual arts. This year's theme was "Diversity is..." We are very proud to announce the following Elementary winners: Anna Maneri and Samantha Hayes (Visual Arts), Dyani Bryant (Literature), Denali Rodriguez-Garnica and Eden Goralczyk (Photography). The winners have moved on to regional competition. Congratulations to **all** of our participants! Many of the entries are on display in our showcase. Come in and take a look! Thank you to Brenda Baker and the PTA for making this program possible for our creative students!

## PRE-KINDERGARTEN 2012-2013

It is time to start thinking about Pre-Kindergarten for the 2012-2013 school year! We will definitely have two Pre-Kindergarten classrooms next year. Due to space limitations, our program may be ½ day with morning and afternoon sessions. Our sign-up period to be included in the random selection process (lottery) begins January 9<sup>th</sup> and runs through February 1<sup>st</sup>. Signing up your child during this period does not mean your child is automatically enrolled in the Pre-Kindergarten program. It only means that you wish for your child to be included in the random lottery that will determine the students who will be enrolled. The lottery will be conducted at a Board of Education meeting in April. If we have more students than available spots, we will continue the lottery to establish a waiting list, should openings occur. Those who call after the sign-up period ends will automatically be placed at the bottom of the waiting list. This process is in accordance with New York State Department of Education protocol for Pre-Kindergarten programs.

## CHRISTMAS BREAK

Christmas vacation will be Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> through Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will be back in session on Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>.



## CALENDAR

12/12-19 Elf Shelf for Elementary Students  
12/20 Senior Citizen Dinner 4:00 - 6:00 PM  
12/20 Elementary Christmas Concert 7:00 PM  
12/21 5 Week Reports go home  
12/22 Early dismissal-11:30 **ALL STUDENTS**  
12/23-1/2 Christmas Break  
01/03/12 *Happy New Year*-Back In Session

*From our family to yours, have a safe and joyous Holiday Season! May snowflakes tickle your nose and hot cocoa warm your soul!*



