

# Buena Park Montessori Academy

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**The Most Wonderful Time Of The Year**

It is the most joyous time of the year! This holiday season is the perfect time to reflect on the blessings we have received and to seek out ways to make life better for those around us. We all had a wonderful Thanksgiving, remembering what we are most thankful for in our lives. We have planned many activities for this month to celebrate the season and to provide opportunities for our children to let their empathy for others blossom. May this merry season of Christmas bring glory to your life, peace to your mind, and joy to your heart!

**December 18 — Secret Santa Gift Event**

Please bring a wrapped book or an educational toy (under \$10.00) for your OWN child labeled with your child's name and from Santa to continue our tradition of teaching young children the importance of altruism, selflessness, and generosity. The last day to bring a wrapped book or an educational toy for your child is Monday, December 14. Please do not allow your child to see the gift and drop it off at the front in a brown paper bag. Thank you.

**Reflecting on November**

November has always been a time to think of and be grateful for the blessings in our lives. Our children celebrated Thanksgiving in our classrooms with a traditional feast while reflecting upon all the gifts we are truly blessed. The children had a lot of fun decorating the classrooms with fun and creative arts and crafts.



## December 18 — Annual Christmas Luncheon

We will be celebrating the spirit of the Holidays with an incredibly special Christmas luncheon. Kindly dress your child in festive attire for the occasion.



## December 18 — Memories Under The Tree

We will be capturing memorable moments of our students participating in the traditional holiday custom of gift giving under the Christmas Tree. Please remember to dress your child for the occasion (ideally in red, green, gold, or other holiday colors) as we celebrate the joy of Christmas with our children. Please follow us on Facebook to view the pictures from these candid moments.



## December 24 – 25 — School Closed for Christmas

The school will be closed on December 24 and 25 for Christmas. Have yourself a very Merry Christmas and enjoy your time with your loved ones!



## December 23 – Pajama Party & Holiday Movie with Cookies & Chocolate Milk

We are planning an unforgettable Christmas pajama tradition for our students as we settle in for a fun-filled holiday movie by the Christmas tree. Please have your child come in warm and comfortable pajamas to school. Cookies and chocolate milk will be served to make it a perfect afternoon.

## COVID-19 Updates

We would like to thank the Buena Park community for their continued cooperation in following the pandemic guidelines. Although we have learned about encouraging news regarding the vaccine, we need to continue to be vigilant about following the protocols, especially in the winter. The teachers and staff implement these guidelines not only in the children's daily activities but will also do so with the upcoming special activities.



**Please Like Us On Facebook!**



We are constantly updating our page with the activities of your children to keep our parents connected. Follow us on Facebook at “Buena Park Montessori Academy” to see the exciting academic and co-curricular activities at our school. Indeed, the school is always a beehive of activities!



### **December 21 – December 31 — Practical Life in the Montessori Classroom**

We will dedicate this joyous time to learn more about practical life activities that are fundamental to a child’s development. As an essential part of the Montessori method, practical life activities are often referred to as the heart of Montessori education. Practical life not only offers activities to enhance analysis of movement and critical thinking skills but also provides opportunities to celebrate the season with arts, crafts and food preparations.

### **December 31 – January 1 – School Closed for the New Year**

The school will be closed on December 31 & January 1 for the New Year. May every day of the New Year glow with good cheer and happiness for you and your family!

