

## Mill Falls Charter School Parent Update December 12, 2014

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Dates to  
Remember

### Wed., Dec. 17th

Board Meeting,  
6:30 pm

### Fri., Dec. 19th

-Olympic & Denali  
Read In,  
8:15 - 8:45 AM  
-Pizza Friday  
-January Pizza Flyer  
DUE

### Dec. 24th-Jan. 2nd

Winter Vacation,  
No School

### Tues., Jan. 6th

McIntyre Begins

### Fri., Jan. 9th

-Acadia & Yosemite,  
Read In,  
8:15-8:45 pm  
-Pizza Friday

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our school calendar

### MONTESSORI IN MOTION

#### Cultural Study: Chanukah

As part of the ongoing focus on Festivals of Light celebrated by different cultures in this holiday season, this week our Lower Elementary students learned about Chanukah. Meryl Levin (MFCS founding parent and School Board Trustee), came in to talk with the children about the origins of the holiday and share the traditions which harken back to the ancient victory of the Maccabees (leaders of a Jewish rebel army) centuries ago over a ruling king who had outlawed the practice of Judaism.



Chanukah celebrates the re-dedication of the Jewish temple which had been destroyed by the King's forces. As Jewish people around the world recall annually, the victorious *Maccabees* could only find a small jug of oil when they re-entered the temple. Although it only contained enough oil to

sustain the temple's *Menorah* - the oil lamp - for one day, the flame miraculously lasted for eight days. Hence the celebration of 8 nights of Chanukah each year.

This week the children learned about lighting the Chanukah *menorah*; they tasted *latkas* - a traditional Chanukah treat which is made of potatoes and cooked in oil; they learned how to play the *dreidel* game; enjoyed a fun Chanukah story; made their own *menorahs* as part of a craft organized by Ms. Mindy; and received a small piece of Chanukah gelt - chocolate coins.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Pizza Friday

Keep an eye out for the bright orange **pizza flyer** in backpacks today. Pizza orders are for the month of January and due December 19th.



### Ukulele Lessons - After School

Also in backpacks, Mill Falls will be offering a second session of **private ukulele lessons!** Two classes are offered this session, beginning in January 2015. An advanced class will be offered for those students who were previously enrolled in the October after school lessons, and a beginners class will be offered for those interested in learning novice techniques and songs. Only 6 students per class; open to 1st thru 5th grade. First come first served!

### SHOP TO BENEFIT OUR SCHOOL

**Need to shop for the holidays? Support your child's school while doing your holiday shopping through the following:**

#### Amazon Smile

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Sign up to have 1% of all your purchases made on your Target REDcard donated to Mill Falls. Please note that for some reason the school will not show up when searching for it online unless you search by zip OR school ID, which is 152944. [Sign up today!](#)

You can also support your school by purchasing a needed item [on our wish list](#) or by [making a one-time or monthly donation](#).

Please pass along this information to friends and family -Thank you for your support!



## GENERAL REMINDERS

### Cold Weather and Outerwear

As the colder weather and snow returns to New England, please remember to dress your child appropriately in warm coats, gloves or mittens, and winter hats. Children should also bring in their snow pants! They may leave an extra pair at school. Our student's have recess everyday, weather permitting. Should the temperatures drop below 20 degrees (this includes windchill), recess will be held indoors.

Don't forget to label all clothing!



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