

December 2015

Dear Parents,

We want to thank all of our families who participated in the special "Thanksgiving celebration". We hope you enjoyed sharing and giving thanks with your little ones.



THEME OF THE MONTH

This month we will introduce the theme "Celebrations around the World". Without a doubt, celebrations can be wonderful opportunities for young students to learn about a variety of traditions and values that are precious parts of people's lives. We consider that learning about different celebrations around the world helps both children and adults develop a deeper understanding of our diverse world. Celebrations might be cultural, religious or even community or personal events. Therefore, through this month long exploration, we create an abundance of opportunities to share different points of view and consider different perspectives. In addition, this themed unit is a great way to focus on the important aspects of emotions in people's lives.

In addition we will learn about the artist Cruz Diez.

The country of the month will be Venezuela and we are going to learn about the culture, traditional clothing, food, geography and much more. Parents are welcome to

share with us books or any activity that is related to the theme or country

13th ANNUAL DECEMBER FESTIVAL AND BAZAAR

Our Annual December Festival and Bazaar is getting closer and closer. The festival will take place at First Steps International Academy on Sunday, December 13th, 2015 from 11:00 am until 4:00 pm. Just as in past years, the school's parking lot will be closed off. There are many activities planned for the children! There will be face painting, bounce houses, Santa Claus and much more. There will be music, food and beverages for children and adults to enjoy! There will also be a Bazaar where vendors will be selling items such as jewelry, adult and children's clothing, homemade crafts and more. There will also be raffles held throughout the day. If you or someone you know is interested in **setting up a table/booth** to vend items at the Bazaar (all you need is your own table and shade), spaces are available for only \$40 for the whole day. We are pre-selling tickets for \$1 each; but they will also be sold on the day of the event. If you purchase a bracelet you can get unlimited tickets for \$20.00. Tickets can be used for children's rides, activities, raffles, food and beverages. Feel free to invite family, friends and neighbors to join us in our festivities! We hope to see you all there!!!!

VPK NEWS

Las day of VPK program: December 18th 2015 **First Steps International Academy offers a Winter Program. Please feel free to inquire for further details at the front office.**

December 24th and 25th 2015 (Christmas Eve - Christmas day – School will be closed)

December 31st and January 1st 2015 (New year eve – New Year day - School will be closed)

MONTHLY EVENTS

December 3rd Field Trip "A Christmas Carol" (PK-4 and PK-5)

December 13th, 2015 : 13th Annual December Festival at First Steps International Academy 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

DON'T MISS IT!!!!

PARENTS NIGHT OUT

- Friday: Dec. 4th, 7:00-10:00 pm
- Friday e 11th , 7:00-10:00 pm

✓ REMINDERS

-In order to be able to offer our Parents' Night Out we must have at least 5 children registered.

-Cancellations must be done **24 hours** in advance or a fee of \$10.00 will be charged to your accounts.

-Late pick-ups will have a charge of \$5.00 per minute.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

From all of us we wish a Happy Birthday to:

Mrs. Sofia Vicenzi: December 18th

Mr. Doris Mendia December 24th



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!