

# ERCS Newsletter

December, 2020



## ERCS Christmas Program

The students in grades 6-8 have been working on a Christmas play for drama class. The play will be recorded and available to watch on the ERCS YouTube channel by Christmas.

## Class Christmas Parties

On **Friday, December 18** each classroom will be having a party.

Grades K-2: Students are asked to bring a wrapped, gender-neutral gift, worth \$10, by Monday, Dec. 14. There will be a fun gift exchange game during their party.

Grades 3-8: Students have picked the name of a classmate for the secret Santa gift exchange. They are asked to buy a gift worth \$10 to give to their person, wrap it, and bring it to school by Monday, December 14.

## See's Candies Fundraiser

The See's Candies order should arrive by December 15. Orders will be sorted and available in the office for distribution on Wednesday, December 16.

## Christmas Break

Christmas break begins on **Monday, December 21**. School resumes on Monday, January 4.



## Get to Know Our Teachers

Our teachers were asked to share a favorite Christmas memory, and tell us their favorite color, sweet treat, and animal.

### Sara Filippis

Mrs. Filippis had been visiting her dad's house before Christmas one year, and when she went home to her mom's house earlier than expected, she found her mom filling waterbeds up! She and each of her siblings all got waterbeds for Christmas that year!

**Favorite Color:** Fuchsia & Black

**Favorite Animal:** Frankie, Bean & her two cats

**Sweet Treat:** See's Candies

### Mrs. Gardner

One of Mrs. Gardner's favorite memories is of spending time with family while eating a delicious meal. She loves the smell of a special drink her mom makes every winter. She also loves the memory of spending Christmas with her husband in different countries.

**Favorite color:** olive green

**Sweet treat:** chocolate covered almonds (dark chocolate)

**Animal:** elephants

## Calendar Highlights:

### December

- ❖ 15 – See's Candies Orders arrive, Tuesday
- ❖ 18 - Class Parties; Friday
- ❖ 18 - SPIRIT DAY – Christmas Spirit; Friday
- ❖ 21-Jan. 1 - Christmas Break

School Resumes on  
Monday, January 4

## December Birthdays

Michelle 12/4

Elijah 12/20

Eliana 12/20

Aubrey 12/23





## Teacher Hafdis

Growing up in northern Iceland the winters were cold and dark with 3 hours of daylight in December. Due to this people put up a lot of lights for Christmas. Icelandic children put a shoe in the window from December 11-23 and Jólaveinninn will put something in it during the night. Hafdis used to write letters that and leave them in the shoe, requesting things she knew my mother needed. Once she requested a crystal bowl for her mother. Little did she know that her mother was the one who put the bowl in the shoe. Hafdis was so joyful to give the bowl to her mother on Christmas Eve.

**Favorite Color:** Summer – Fuchsia, Winter – Burgundy

**Favorite Animal:** Cats, dogs & birds

**Sweet Treat:** Dark chocolate



## Linda Severs

When Mrs. Severs was about four, her parents gave her a large, realistic baby doll. She screamed, "Big Baby!" and happily hugged her. She is not sure she understood that it wasn't a real baby. Later that day, her parents noticed the head was coming loose from the cloth body, so they returned the doll to Sears the next day and exchanged her for a new Big Baby. Linda was horrified! How can you trade your baby? But she learned to love her second Big Baby who "lives" in a box in her garage to this day. She was mended several times by her mother and wears one of Linda's baby dresses.

**Favorite Color:** pastels - mint, baby pink, white and cream AND darks: burgundy, charcoal gray, navy blue

**Favorite Animal:** cats, big and small (I want a black panther as a pet in Heaven.)

**Sweet Treat:** something chewy, chocolate and gluten-free

## Louise Pryor

When Louise was 3 years old her family moved from England to Africa, and lived there until she was 8 years old. One of the traditions they took with them from England was to lay out a sock and a pillowcase on the end of their beds before going to sleep on Christmas Eve. In the morning the sock would be stuffed with sweet treats, and the pillowcase with wrapped presents. It was always exciting waking up in the morning to find all the presents and wondering how they got there!

**Favorite Color:** Red and/or Electric Blue

**Favorite Animal:** Cats

**Sweet Treat:** European Chocolate, milk chocolate LU cookies, and Eurotart flavored frozen yogurt

## Miss Cassi

Cassi's favorite Christmas memory is from when she was 7 years old and her nanny bought her a big beautiful white poofy dress. She felt like an absolute princess in it! Cassi wore it till it basically fell apart.

**Favorite Color:** Yellow!!

**Favorite Animal:** Elephants and octopuses

**Sweet Treat:** Chocolate chip cookies, straight out of the oven





## Advertising

### Custom Trees



Sherry Fariss (Aubrey's Grandmother) has beautiful lighted miniature Christmas Trees for sale. There are two examples on display in the office. They are \$60 for the larger and \$35 for the smaller ones. Come in to the office to see them, or call her for custom options: 477-1359

### Art Gallery

If you have been in the office, you may have noticed that there is a lot of art on the walls. Mrs. Pryor has decorated with lots of her Christmas paintings, and you are invited to come see them. If you need any gifts or Christmas decorations, all the paintings are for sale, as well as prints and cards. Louise also paints commissioned portraits of pets and people. Contact her for more information: 575-8087



**A VERY MERRY  
CHRISTMAS  
and Happy New Year!**

