



# The Carden Lion

December 14, 2011

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## IMPORTANT DATES

Half Day; Winter Parties (NO ESD)	Dec. 16
Winter Break	Dec. 19 – Jan. 6
School Resumes	Jan. 9
JK to host Bake Sale	Jan. 11
Parent Club Meeting	Jan. 12
Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday	Jan. 16
1 <sup>st</sup> Spirit Day Wear	Jan. 20

## FUN FUN FUN FOR THOSE OVER 21!

Mark your calendars for our 1<sup>st</sup> wine and food social at Vino and Friends on Sunday, January 22 from 4-6 p.m. There are a limited number of tickets to this great event so please purchase your tickets early. Tickets will be available in the school office for \$40 per person. Included in the price will be 4 small appetizer plates along with a different wine to accompany each plate. There will also be water, tea and soda for anyone not wishing to drink alcohol. Come on out and meet and socialize with other Carden parents!



“Have a purpose in your life—not just wishes.  
Support your purpose with all your strength  
of mind and muscle”  
-Mae Carden

## PEACH BLOSSOM FESTIVAL

The annual festival for oral interpretation will be held at Fresno State on March 15, 2012. Students in grades one through six have an opportunity to represent Carden School of Fresno with recitations of poetry. Mrs. Patel and Mrs. Rohlfing will be holding auditions for this event the third week of January. Interested students should begin choosing and practicing poetry so that they are ready and confident when it is time for presentations. Evaluating factors include the following:

- The poem should be age appropriate in length; not too short for the older child and not too long for the younger child.
- Presentation skills: eye contact, volume, pace, enunciation, pronunciation, expression
- Knowledge of the poem: The poem should be memorized at the time of auditions.
- New poem selection: Since all Carden students memorize poetry as part of their grade level curriculum, a new poem should be chosen for the Peach Blossom Festival.

We look forward to hearing your poems so start practicing!



## MRS. HENDERSON'S AMAZING ART CORNER!



Tania - 8<sup>th</sup> grade



Dario - 8<sup>th</sup> grade



Amitej - 6<sup>th</sup> grade

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Thank you to all of you who so generously donated food and money to our 5<sup>th</sup> annual food drive benefiting The Community Food Bank.



**From: Madame Lavoisier-Curnyn, French instructor**

**To: Carden Parents and Students**

**Subject: Kings Day Cake Party – January 9, 10**



*Joyeuses Fêtes ! Happy Holidays !*

*Meilleurs voeux de paix, bonheur, santé et prospérité pour la nouvelle année!*

*Best wishes for a peaceful, happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year!*

I appreciate your interest in the French language and culture, and I am pleased to teach such eager young people. Learning a foreign language takes considerable effort, but it can also have some fun and sweet moments. Upon returning from our Winter Break, our students in grades 2-8 will start the New Year with one of those memorable and delectable moments.

To celebrate Epiphany (January 6) and throughout the month of January, French people gather with family and friends to share a special cake called a “galette des rois” (Kings Day Cake). A little porcelain figurine is hidden inside the cake, and the person who finds it becomes the “king” or the “queen” for the day.

Students in grades 2 through 8 will partake in the fun and delicious French tradition of “la galette des rois” depending on their French schedules:

Monday, Jan. 9 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday Jan. 10 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, 4<sup>th</sup> grades

The Parent club graciously provides the galettes. They are made by La Boulangerie in Fig Garden and are as authentic as the ones sold in the Parisian region this time of year.

Warning! The pastries contain wheat, eggs and almond paste and are prepared in a local where other types of nuts are processed. Students with such food allergies should not eat the galettes. If you have reported the allergy on the school emergency form, your child will not be served. Please, let me know of any other dietary restrictions. You may send a substitute treat for your child on that day.

If you have questions, please contact me at [mme.curnyn@cardenschooloffresno.com](mailto:mme.curnyn@cardenschooloffresno.com)

Thank you ! Merci !

