

# November/December Newsletter

## NEWS FROM PRINCIPAL LEMBO

Dear Joe Michell Families,

With the holiday season upon us, our attention naturally begins to turn to warm thoughts of spending time with family and friends, the bustle of holiday activities and the splendor and magic of the winter season that surrounds us. However, it is also at this time of year that many of our children and families struggle with the same challenges

that make this time of year so attractive for others. For this reason, it is important that we continue to draw on our collective IB Traits as a caring and compassionate school and strive to support our students and families - as well as each other as friends and colleagues – to the best of our ability. Within our school community are parents, staff and students who are making a difference to people in our Livermore community during the holiday season through their generous donations and holiday baskets to support children and adults in our community and brighten their holidays.

As we start to prepare for the holidays, we will also begin to turn our thoughts to the arrival of the New Year. Upon our return to work and school in January, our lives will undoubtedly seem no less hectic and busy than they did the previous year. It is for this reason that it is important to take a well-deserved rest this holiday season and I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to our outstanding staff as well as members of our parent community for their tireless efforts and contributions throughout the year. As 2019 comes to an end, we wish you a safe, relaxing, and fulfilling holiday to you and all your loved ones.

Warm holiday wishes,  
Laura Lembo Ed.D



## UPCOMING EVENT

11/4-12/13: Thankful for Education  
11/25-11/29: Thanksgiving Break  
12/4: Middle School IB Awards Assembly at 11:00am  
12/6: ASB Movie Night - 6pm-8pm  
12/10: FJMS meeting at 7pm  
12/19: Early Dismissal at 1:30pm-TK -8th  
12/20-1/3: Winter Break



## LOOKING AHEAD



1/13: FJMS Meeting -7pm  
1/17: ASB Middle School Dance - 7pm-9pm  
1/20: No School  
1/24:FJMS Winter Fiesta/Multicultural Night - 6pm-8pm  
1/28: Winter Concert - 7pm (MPR)  
1/29: IB Awards Assembly TK-2nd at 8:45am  
1/29: IB Awards Assembly 3rd-5th -at 9:30am

## Día de los Muertos museum

The 4th annual *Día de los Muertos* museum popped up at Joe Michell on November 1st. Spanish 1C studies this pre hispanic tradition which UNESCO recognizes as an Intangible Cultural Heritage for Humanity. The theme, "Those who have gone before," honored influential artists, writers, and activists of Hispanic heritage from the United States, Puerto Rico, Mexico, Peru, and Cuba. For the first time the art classes and the Spanish 1C classes were able to collaborate on the museum project. Mrs. Suassuna worked with the 8th grade art classes to create flowers, all kinds of skulls and an original portrait of each individual *muerto*. Spanish 1C students researched their honorees in terms of achievements and which IB profile trait they most represented. The day of the museum students guided small groups through the exhibits, explaining elements of the *ofrenda* and sharing the contributions and IB traits of each person. Students and teachers also got to dress the part with face painting and authentic dresses from Oaxaca and Veracruz, Mexico.



## Discovering East Africa



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Winter Family Movie Night



JOE MICHELL ASB LEADERSHIP PRESENTS:

# Winter Family Movie Night



## ELF!

Friday, December 6th

6-8pm

MPR

Admission is FREE! Please bring CASH to purchase your popcorn, treats, and dinner from Rancho Grande Taqueria



## Attendance Line

School Attendance Line is available 24 hours / 7 days a week.

925-6060-4738 press 2 for attendance line



## Reminder

Early dismissal at 1:30  
Thursday, December 19th

### Winter Break

Friday, December 20th - Friday, January 3

### School Resumes

Monday, January 6th

# So very **THANKFUL**

Joe Michell Would Like to give a BIG THANK YOU to our Partnerships with the following organizations:

Shoes That Fit and Nordstrom  
Assistance League of Amador Valley  
The Surtec System and Adopt a Family  
Friend of Joe Michell School Board  
Mony Nop and Maureen Torretto  
Jolla Dillon—Making Ice Pack  
Jenelle Lopez— Volunteer Coordinator  
Our Valet Students  
Lunch Yard Duties  
AM/PM Cross Guards  
Capus Catering

## LOST & FOUND

Please take a minute and go through our LOST & FOUND. It is currently overflowing with items that will be donated on Friday, Dec 20th.

