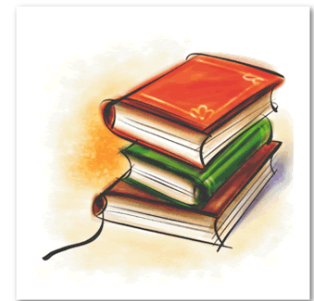


CITY ACADEMY

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This is our last short week due to Professional Development. Since mid-term is just around the corner, if any students have been absent or have fallen behind, they should take advantage of the extra days this week to get caught up in classes!



Book Fair

Start your holiday shopping at the City Academy Book Fair! It's November 28, 2007, from 5–9 p.m. at the Sugarhouse Barnes and Noble, 1104 E. 2100 S.

If you present a voucher (these will be distributed to students at school Tuesday, Dec. 27) and will also be available from a member of the Library Committee at the book fair), a portion of what you spend will be donated back to the Library Committee to purchase books and supplies for City Academy's library.

Events at the book fair will include an open mic, children's book readings, and games. We'll also be gift wrapping purchases for those who wish to have that done. Contact jocelyn@cityacademyslc.org with any questions.

Thanks to all who donated a coat for this year's winter coat exchange.

Your donations were much appreciated!



**IMPORTANT
DATES**

NOV. 29-30
No School- Teacher
Professional
Development

DEC. 7
Early Release-
Midterm

DEC 24-JAN 2
No School- Winter
Break



City Academy's Annual Thanksgiving Feast!

Thank you SO MUCH to those of you who helped to make this year's Thanksgiving Feast a huge success. The food was plentiful, the atmosphere was festive, and the community came together to enjoy each other's company over wonderful dishes and excited chatter. Your donations and involvement with events like these mean more than you can imagine to students and staff. Here are a few pics from the event.



The Giving Tree Project: December 6-15



Each year City Academy holds its “Giving Tree Project”, a drive for donations to a selected agency or facility. This is the 4th year for this project. Past recipients include Hildegard’s Pantry and the Christmas Box House. This year’s recipient will be Evergreen Canyons Health and Rehabilitation Center.

Please begin collecting and donating the items from the list below and have your student bring the items to their advisory.

A letter from the recipients:

Evergreen Canyons Health and Rehabilitation Center is a Long Term Care and Skilled Nursing Facility located in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Our residents range in age from 25 to 103 years. We provide care for those with serious injuries, debilitating conditions, and dementia-related disorders. Many of these people have little or no family support, and few, if any, visitors.

The majority of our residents are recipients of Medicaid, which is a state and federally funded program that covers their medical needs, including meals and boarding. Each resident receives \$45.00 per month with which to meet basic needs outside of the realm of Medicaid-covered services. This is all the money they have for anything beyond required medical care and food.

The residents of our facility and other Medicaid funded facilities have few opportunities to get things they need, let alone things they would enjoy. Some of these items are things that many of us take for granted, such as new clothing and shoes. Treats like candy, soda, or even a hamburger are often hard to come by. Some people have to save several months of “allowance” to afford a visit to our facility Beauty Shop, for most, the only way to get a haircut.

Each year during the holiday season, we reach out to our staff, family members, friends, vendors, and the community to help us provide an exquisite meal and gifts for each of our residents that are tailored to their needs and wants.

Our residents beam with pride each year, donning their new clothes, and sometimes even an accessory like a piece of jewelry or a hat. They speak of their happiness for months afterward. It is the highlight of our year!

Your help and support is greatly needed and appreciated. Without everyone’s help, these joyful experiences would not be possible.

Our warmest thanks,

Allie Diamond, S.S.W.

ITEMS TO DONATE:

- Adult Sized Sweat Suits (sizes small to XXXL) Men's and Women's.
- Scented Lotions and Body Sprays.
- Gift Cards for Target, Walmart, K-Mart or Barnes and Noble.
- Cards and other games such as backgammon, chess, checkers, and trivia games.
- Stationery and Pens.
- Colored Markers, Pens, Pencils, Sketch Pads.
- Journals
- Hand Held Video Poker, Solitaire and the like.
- DVD's. and CD's (classical, jazz, 40's, 50's 60's)
- Candy (regular and sugar free).
- Coke and Diet Coke.
- Night Gowns (small to XXXL).
- Personal CD players and Batteries.
- Books.
- Manicure Kits for men and women.
- Nail Polish.
- Craft Projects (velvet paintings, paint by numbers).
- Brushes and Combs.
- Yarn.
- Crochet Hooks.
- Lap quilts and Fleece Blankets.
- Martinelli's sparkling apple juice (for 12/21 Holiday Meal)
- Dog Food for a very small dog/dog toys.
- Bird Food for a Cockatiel/bird toys.
- Beta Fish food.
(we have three residents with pets)
- Gift wrap, ribbons and tape
- Cash and Check Donations are Welcome

Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein

Once there was a giving tree who loved a little boy.
And everyday the boy would come to play
Swinging from the branches, sleeping in the shade
Laughing all the summer's hours away.
And so they love,
Oh, the tree was happy.
Oh, the tree was glad.

But soon the boy grew older and one day he came
and said,
"Can you give me some money, tree, to buy some-
thing I've found?"
"I have no money," said the tree, "Just apples,
twigs and leaves."
"But you can take my apples, boy, and sell them in
the town."

And so he did and
Oh, the tree was happy.
Oh, the tree was glad.

But soon again the boy came back and he said to
the tree,
"I'm now a man and I must have a house that's all
my home."
"I can't give you a house" he said, "The forest is
my house."
"But you may cut my branches off and build your-
self a home"
And so he did.
Oh, the tree was happy.
Oh, the tree was glad.

And time went by and the boy came back with
sadness in his eyes.
"My life has turned so cold," he says, "and I need
sunny days."
"I've nothing but my trunk," he says, "But you can
cut it down
And build yourself a boat and sail away."
And so he did and
Oh, the tree was happy.
Oh, the tree was glad.

And after years the boy came back, both of them
were old.
"I really cannot help you if you ask for another
gift."
"I'm nothing but an old stump now. I'm sorry but
I've nothing more to give"
"I do not need very much now, just a quiet place to
rest,"
The boy, he whispered, with a weary smile.
"Well", said the tree, "An old stump is still good for
that."
"Come, boy", he said, "Sit down, sit down and rest
a while."
And so he did and
Oh, the tree was happy.
Oh, the tree was glad.