Upcoming Dates

- Friday Dec 19 at 5:30
  Annual Winter Solstice Celebration
- Wed Dec 24 - First Day of Holiday Break
- Friday January 2
  Teacher Work Day
- Monday January 5
  First Day Back to School
- Saturday February 7
  Winter Fair and Pot Luck
  Yeoman’s Hall Columbia

A Time for Peace

Next week marks the two year anniversary of the Newtown tragedy. How fast two years have passed since that fateful day when time stopped and the world changed forever. It is so hard for me to go back to that day in my mind, but it is so important that I do.

This tragic day is the dearest reminder to me of why it is so important to teach compassion. We have an enormous responsibility to our children. It is our job to help them understand our complicated world. We must show them hope. We must show them heroes. When we, as grown adults, still have so many questions and we, as parents, still struggle to find the balance between embracing life and fearing bad, how do we teach compassion to our children? How do we explain things that are not explainable?

Teach peace. We must start small and close and build from there. We must work every day at peace. Peace in our families, peace in our schools, peace in our communities and peace in the world. We as parents must guide our children to be brave and compassionate agents of change.

As we reflect on the events of the past, we must draw on the strength of our community, knowing that together, as a community, we will continue to do the best for our children. We will continue to provide them with love, hope, freedom, guidance and the security that they need to grow strong and caring.

It was President Obama who said on this day two years ago, "This is our first task-caring for our children. It’s our first job. If we don’t get that right, we don’t get anything right.”

Even though we continue to grapple with so many questions, I ask that everyone go through this holiday season with a gentle strength and compassion and forgiveness that will be felt by your children and family.

"Education is the best weapon for peace."
Maria Montessori

Winter Solstice Celebration

Please join us here to celebrate the shortest day of the year. Sign up in the lobby to bring a dinner dish to share. We will eat, sing, and celebrate the coming back of the light! Dress warmly, as we will be outside. Rain is the only weather event that will stop this celebration. And so far there is no rain in the forecast!