



# The Door

*Stellar Academy for Dyslexics – Unlocking the Door of Language*

**Friday, December 2, 2016**



## Dear Parents,

To a struggling reader, books can feel like enemies, unwanted visitors who bring pain to life. At Stellar, one of our goals is to change this perception of books to welcomed friends who bring pleasure to life. Reading teachers wait expectantly for that day to dawn in the lives of their students and do many things to bring it about.

We have a fun event planned for December with our neighbors across the parking lot – King's Kids Preschool. We are Reading Buddies! On Tuesday, **Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>** Stellar students will have an opportunity to use their reading skills to bring pleasure to others. We will cross the parking lot to read Christmas stories to our preschool neighbors.

Your children are encouraged to bring their favorite short Christmas stories from home to share with their buddies.

*Warmly,*

*Beth Mattsson-Boz , Director*

## School Events Calendar

- ❖ Dec. 5-9 Testing
- ❖ Dec. 7 Bowl-A-Thon
- ❖ Dec. 14,21 Hot lunch
- ❖ Dec. 8 Bookmobile
- ❖ Dec. 15 Board Meeting-Date Change
- ❖ Dec. 22-Jan. 6 NO SCHOOL

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- ❖ Jan. 9 School Resumes
  - ❖ Jan. 11, 18, 25 Hot lunch
  - ❖ Jan. 12 Professionals' Visitor Day
  - ❖ Jan. 17 Board Meeting
  - ❖ Jan. 19 Bookmobile
  - ❖ Jan. 24 SF Symphony Trip
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## News

### **IN-HOUSE TESTING DEC. 5-9**

Teachers will be administering in-house testing again between Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup> and Friday, 9<sup>th</sup>. Please do your best to avoid scheduling appointments for those mornings.

And as always, a good night's sleep and a hearty breakfast will help our students to do their best.



### **ADVANCE NOTICE - FIELD TRIP DATES**

We have received dates for two field trips we have been waiting for. Please add these dates to your family calendar and consider planning ahead to join us as a chaperone.

Jan. 24 – SF Symphony

May. 8 – Intel Museum



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## BOWL-A-THON SPONSOR SHEETS

Sponsor sheets and green permission slips are due back Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. Please remember that any student, who raises \$100.00 or more,

BOWLS FOR FREE. Their \$10.00 field trip fee will not apply.



## INGENUITY & ELBOW GREASE

Stellar students are using ingenuity and elbow grease to gather donations to help others at Viola



Blythe Community Service Center.

One student worked for a restaurant owner to raise money. Another student brought cupcakes to neighbors as an incentive/thank you for donating. Our barrel is filling up. Students are encouraged to spend their own money, earn extra money through chores or working for neighbors, asking neighbors for donations, and other creative ideas. Let's see how many items our student body can produce without raiding your pantry or wallet.

**CURRENT ITEMS COUNT -- 55**

## EXPERIENCING DYSLEXIA®

On Feb. 22, 2017, 9-11 am, Stellar will host the popular hands-on learning disabilities simulation called **Experience Dyslexia** developed by the Northern California Branch of the International Dyslexia Association (NCBIDA). It is for teachers, medical professionals, parents, and anyone interested in better understanding dyslexia. It is perfect for those who are NOT dyslexic, yet are curious about the processing



confusions and distractions of the children they love and serve. Register online – [www.stellaracademy.org](http://www.stellaracademy.org) or by calling Stellar. The cost is \$15.00 per person.

## LOWER RATE for SMALL GROUP TUTORING

The after school Dyslexia Tutor Center at Stellar is now offering small group tutoring at a lower group rate. The

Tutor Center serves students of all ages who are not enrolled at Stellar Academy. Please help us spread the word.



## Community Events Calendar

Share Bay Area family-friendly and dyslexia-related events from the community with other Stellar families.

## FREE Parent Classes, Children's Health Council, Palo Alto (650-617-3812)

Full Schedule at [chconline.org/community-education](http://chconline.org/community-education)

## Board Meeting Date Change

➤ Thursday, Dec. 15 , 6:00 PM, in the Stellar Office. Parents and students welcome.

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