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Important Dates

- ◆ 1/6: Field Trip Permission Forms
- ◆ 1/20: Martin Luther King Day
- ◆ 1/22: Donuts w/ Dad
- ◆ 1/23-24: Tribal Museum Field Trip
- ◆ 1/30: Pacific Science Assembly
- ◆ 2/1: Ready for K
- ◆ 2/4: MLK/Black History Assembly
- ◆ 2/6: Spring Class Pictures
- ◆ 2/7: Valentine's Day Dance
- ◆ 2/17-18: President's Day
- ◆ 3/23-27: Conferences
- ◆ 3/23-27: Book Fair
- ◆ 3/30-4/3: Spring Break
- ◆ 5/25: Memorial Day

Happy Holidays Orchard Heights Families!

Wow, this year has gone by so fast - and with so many exciting changes. And now, here we are, just about to start 2020. What a perfect opportunity for positive change and accomplishing some of those goals you've been working on. Maybe you want to be more active in your community or learn a new language (maybe even paying off some of that Christmas debt from last year?). What ever it is, I wish you all the success you deserve!

The holiday season is also a great time to reconnect with family and friends ... or maybe even make some new ones along the way. There's a lot of fun opportunities that happen around this time of year, where you can spend quality time with the people that are important in your life. So get out there and have an adventure or two. Everything is always better with a little Holiday Cheer mixed in.

We here at Orchard Heights would like to wish you and yours a wonderful Holiday Season, a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year! It's been an amazing experience getting to know your children and we are all very thankful that you're sharing them with us. This time with them as been a gift to us! So thank you for all that you do and we wish you the very best in this new year.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR



New Year's is approaching, but how much do you know about the holiday? Here are some fun facts about New Year's.

- **The first New Year's celebration dates back 4,000 years.** Julius Caesar, the emperor of Rome, was the first to declare Jan. 1 a national holiday. He named the month after Janus, the Roman god of doors and gates. Janus had two faces, one looking forward and one looking back. Caesar felt that a month named after this god would be fitting.
- **Forty-five percent of Americans make New Year's resolutions.** The top resolutions are: to lose weight, get organized, to spend less and save more, to stay fit and healthy, and to quit smoking. While nearly half of all Americans make resolutions, 25 percent of them give up on their resolutions by the second week of January.
- **Be sure to eat leafy greens on New Year's.** Tradition says that the more leafy greens a person eats, the more prosperity he or she will experience (what an incentive for staying healthy!). Tradition also says that legumes bring prosperity because beans and peas look like coins. No wonder why so many people eat black eyed peas on Jan. 1.
- **About 1 million people gather in New York City's Times Square to watch the ball drop.** The Times Square New Year's Eve ball drop came about because of a ban on fireworks. The first ball in 1907 was 700 pounds and was lit with 100 25-watt lights. The current ball puts the old one to shame (thanks to technology). Today, it is covered in 2,688 crystals, is lit by 32,000 LED lights, weighs 11,875 pounds and is 12 feet in diameter.
- **Make sure to be surrounded by family or loved ones on New Year's Eve.** The first person you come across in the new year could set the tone for the next 12 months. This applies to couples, as well. If a couple celebrating New Year's together does not kiss, the future of the relationship might be splitsville, so be sure to lay one on your significant other.
- **At the Mummers Parade in Philadelphia, 10,000 participants step through City Hall and perform in unique costumes.** The parade dates back to mid-17th-century, incorporating elements from Irish, German, English, Swedish and other European heritages. The parade itself is divided into five divisions: a comic division, wench brigades, fancy division, string bands, and fancy bridges. If you are in the area for New Year's, be sure to check out this event.

20 Questions for The New Year

1. What was the single best thing that happened this past year?
2. What was the single most challenging thing that happened?
3. What was an unexpected joy this past year?
4. What was an unexpected obstacle?
5. Pick three words to describe this past year.
6. Pick three words your partner or close friend would use to describe your year.
7. Pick three words your partner or close friend would use to describe their year.
8. What were the best books you read this year?
9. Who were your most valuable relationships with?
10. What was your biggest personal change from January to December of this past year?
11. In what way(s) did you grow emotionally?
12. In what way(s) did you grow spiritually?
13. In what way(s) did you grow physically?
14. In what way(s) did you grow in your relationships with others?
15. What was the most enjoyable part of your work (both professionally and at home)?
16. What was the most challenging part of your work (both professionally and at home)?
17. What was your single biggest time waster in your life this past year?
18. What was the best way you used your time this past year?
19. What was biggest thing you learned this past year?
20. Create a phrase or statement that describes this past year for you.

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