



Central Park East I Elementary School

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Dear Families,

Lunch on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving felt magical. Some of CPE1's staff took all children out to recess. The rest of the adults pulled tables and chairs into the hallway. We put down place cards and candles and pumpkins and leaves and fresh flowers in glass jars.

Children of all ages sat together. Each class contributed snack. We passed baskets of freshly baked corn bread and pumpkin muffins.



The chairs and the table cloths and the plates didn't exactly match. But two hundred people shared one table. This is CPE1, so we already had the table cloths and the jars and the flour and the ovens we needed. The materials would not matter without adults who know how to work together

for what every childhood deserves: community, beauty, and long-lasting memories of being cared about.

Festival of Lights – December 12 – 5:45 p.m.

All around the world, throughout winter, celebrations involve the warmth of candles on long, cold nights. CPE1 has a richly diverse community. Families mark the season in many different ways.

Festival of Lights brings all of that together. Families bring special food that represent their traditions – either from their cultures, or just their families. We squeeze together for a special meal. We hold lights against the December darkness. And many volunteer to share their families' special rituals.

More information will go out soon.

Parent Association Meeting – Tuesday, December 4 – 8:35 p.m.

Please come to the next meeting of CPE1's parent association. We'll meet in the library Tuesday morning, right after arrival.

As always, you are the parent association. It would be great to have you there.

-Gabriel