Hi Parents and Families,

It's our Hmong and Karen New Year Showcase week! Students are encouraged to show their cultural and self pride by wearing clothing that represents them or teaching others about their traditions all week. As a school that is centered around honoring the cultures, traditions, and languages of our students, this is an important time to showcase the learning that has been happening. While we have many Hmong and Karen students, we also have students from other cultures. This is a time for everyone to be proud of who they are, learn from others, and to build connections with one another, for both students and staff.

This week, students will be engaging in cultural lessons that teach various aspects of the Karen and Hmong culture. Connections to other cultures are also made to enrich everyone’s learning. We will end the week by having a New Year Showcase on Friday from 10:00am-11:00am in the gym for our day performance. We will also have an evening showcase from 6:00pm-7:00pm. It will be followed by a community dinner and cultural activities from 7:00-8:00pm. Families should have received a letter from teachers with specific information about the New Year. Our students in grades 3-5 have been working hard to show their families what they have been learning. We can’t wait to see you on Friday!

**Announcements for the week:**

- Friday, Dec. 9th, 10:00-11:00am - Hmong New Year Day Performance, parents are invited
- Friday, Dec. 9th, 6:00-8:00pm - Evening Performance, followed by Dinner & Cultural Activities

- Saturday, Dec. 10th, 9:30am-2:00pm - SPPS School Choice Fair at River Center - This is an opportunity to learn about schools as enrollment opens for fall 23-24. If you would like to enroll your child in preK for the 23-24 school year, this is a great event to attend. They have early screening, COVID vaccinations, and staff ready to help you complete the paperwork.

**Nyob zoo xyoo Tshiab!**

Happy Hmong & Karen New Year!
Nyob Zoo txog cov niam cov txiv,

Nyob Zoo Xyoo Tshiab rau nej sawv daws! Lub lim tiam no, peb yuav muaj kev kawm thiab kev ntxhuav yeeb yam los ntawm cov me nyuam rau peb qhov Hmoob thiab Karen New Year Showcase. Peb xav kom txhua hnub rau lub lim tiam no, cov me nyuam hnav lawv cov ris tsho Hmoob los sis ib yam teej tug uas qhia tau tias lawy yog leej twg (piv txwv li ib lub xauv, ib txoj hiab se, ib daim tiab Hmoob). Peb lub tsev kawm ntawv yeej qhia txog Hmoob txuj ci thiab keeb kwm nrog rau lwm haiv neeg cov. Nob yog ib yam uas yuav pat lawv kom lawv paub txog lawv tus kheej, thiab paub txog cov phooj ywg uas txawv thiab. Txawm tias peb muaj cov me nyuam Hmoob thiab Karen coob tiam sis peb muaj lwm haiv me nyuam thiab. Peb xav kom txhua tus me nyuam paub tias lawv tseem ceeb thiab muaj nuj nqi npaum li sawv daws thiab.

Lub lim tiam no, cov me nyuam yuav kawm ob peb yam txog Hmoob thiab Karen lub neeg. Tsis tas li, lawv yuav kawm txog lwm haiv neeg thiab. Hnub Friday thaum 10-11, cov me nyuam yuav nthuav yeeb yam rau sawv daws saib. Tsis tas li, yuav ua ib zaug ntxiv rau yav tsaus ntuj thaum 6:00pm-7:00pm. Tom qab ntawv, peb yuav muaj ib puag hmo noj thiab yuav muaj ib co kev kawm rau sawv daws. Cov xib fwb tau xa ib tsab ntawv piav ntau tshaj no. Peb cov me nyuam nyob Qib 3-5 rau rau siab npaj cov yeeb yam. Peb npaj tos txais nej sawv daws tuaj koom rau hnub Friday!

**Cov Lus Tshaj Tawm Tseem Ceeb:**

- Friday, Dec. 9th, 10:00-11:00am - New Year Day Performance, cov tub ntxhais ua yeeb yam
- Friday, Dec. 9th, 6:00-8:00pm - Evening Performance, cov tub ntxhais ua yeeb yam thaum 6-7, muaj hmo noj thiab kev kawm thaum 7-8pm.


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*Happy Hmong & Karen New Year!*

May Lee *(Maivlig)* Xiong, Principal  
Michelle (Shelly) BrownTon, Asst. Principal  
Lisa Lor & Aneedda Xiong, Clerks  
Michelle Mauder, Nurse