

Thunderbird Flier

School to Home Newsletter

Always Forward!



Kastner Intermediate School ♦ 7676 N. First Street Fresno, CA 93720-0955 ♦ (559) 327-2500 ♦ December 15, 2023

Principal's Message

Hello Thunderbirds!

This is a special time of year filled with joy and thanksgiving for many of us, while it can also be a particularly stressful and emotional time for a number of reasons. I am thankful for all of you and your unique contributions to Kastner that make our school an amazing place to work, learn, compete, perform, and grow. Small miracles happen at our school everyday when you stop to look around. If students ever need help, we have caring adults in every classroom, office, and corner of campus. Congratulations to all of you for your effort to better yourselves and better our community during this first semester of the 2023-24 school year. May you have a joyful holiday season, and we will see you next year, January 9, 2024.

Thank you,
May Moua
Principal



Our Winter Break is scheduled from Friday, December 22nd through Monday, January 8th. School will be closed Friday 12/22 and Monday, January 8th due to a CUSD Staff Development Day. We look forward in seeing your child/ren on Tuesday, January 9, 2024. Enjoy the winter vacation with your family!

Short Notes

Semester 1: Ends Thursday, December 21, 2023. Report cards will be available in Parent Connect January 11, 2024.

NO School Monday, January 15, 2024 in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

PTC meeting: January 31, 2024 in LMC 6-7 PM

Cultural Corner

Hmong New Year is an **annual celebration** that takes place in December to honor the ancestors and spirits and give thanks for the completion of the year's harvest as well as to welcome in a new beginning. The celebration is rooted in agricultural history and religious tradition, and can range from 3 days to a week long. Hmong New Year is referred to as Tsiab Peb Caug (New 30) or Noj Peb Caug (Eat 30) because traditionally, Hmong people would prepare many meals over the course of 30 days to celebrate the new year.



"Student of the Month" December Award Recipients

We would like to recognize the following students for the month of December. Our VAPA / SPED teachers have selected these students to receive this prestigious award. Congratulations to:

Mrs. Parks: Malia Bledsaw

Mrs. Rossi: Damion Johnson

Mrs. Lee: Richard Her

Ms. Rawe: Emma Gainer

Ms. Giersch: Justin Kunz

Mrs. Franklin: Luiza Kyutunyan, Ella Toland

Mrs. Garrison: Kayley Cross, Minh Tri Hoang, Grace Nova

Mrs. Gaffney: Josiah Foster, Rex McTeer, Anna Moua

Mr. Malatesta: Caleb Fenton, Eliot Karle Bonetto

Mrs. Sledd: Ethan Huffman, Westin Slaughter, Tia Stoffel

Mr. Lowder: Isabella Miller, Samantha Ortega

Self-Control
Respect
Honesty
Excellence
Responsibility
Courteous