

Parent Newcomer Meeting

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*Check out **Frequently Asked Questions** for new student videos and a basic handbook to answer questions about day-to-day routines and procedures at Hugo Reid (called "How To Be a Raider").

-----December at Hugo Reid-----

Friday, December 2

First Trimester Report Cards go home

FREE Arcadia's Annual Tree Lighting Event (from 5-8pm)

(Arcadia Transit Plaza - Gold Line Station - First Ave. & Santa Clara)

**Caroling, crafts for kids, visit from Santa, photo booth*

**Bring a toy to donate*

Saturday, December 3

FREE Holiday Snow Festival

(Arcadia Community Center, 365 Campus Dr. from 9am-2pm)

**Snow areas, sled runs, trolley train rides, crafts, entertainment*

**Free parking and shuttle are available at the Centennial Way entrance to Santa Anita Race Track*

FREE "A Very Marionette Christmas!" (First-come, first-served)

(Gilb Museum, 380 W. Huntington Dr. at 10am and 12pm)

FREE Downtown Arcadia Holiday Market

(North 1st Avenue between Santa Clara and Huntington from 11am-7pm)

**Photos with Santa, horse drawn carriage, crafts for kids, snow, live music*

**60 Made in L.A. Makers*

December 5-9

Pajama Drive (Student Council activity)

**Donate new, unwrapped pajama sets for families in need*

Wednesday, December 7

Restaurant Night at CPK in the Santa Anita Mall

Thursday, December 8

Musical Theater Mandatory Informational Parent Meeting (Sign ups)

(HRE MPR/Cafeteria from 7:00-8:00pm)

**Open to the first 20 students in each grade who line up on Thursday night.*

**Parents need to be involved and help out with the rehearsals.*

Friday, December 9

Rocky's Green Team (HRE Room 101 from 7:45-8:15)

Saturday, December 10

Family Bird Walk at the L.A. Arboretum (from 8-10am)

(\$5 for general public; free for children under 12 & Arboretum members)

Sunday, December 11

Queen Anne Cottage Holiday Open House at the L.A. Arboretum

(from 10am-3pm)

Regular admission + \$5 general public; \$3 members; \$3 children

**Tour the interior of the Victorian-era cottage decorated for Christmas.*

- Tuesday, December 13 Family Reading Night (HRE Library from 6-7pm)
- Wednesday, December 14 **Holiday show tickets distributed**
 *1 ticket will allow access for all family members to attend the show. (The date is based on the last name of the student).
 *Tickets will be distributed to the oldest and only children in the family.
 *In respect to our performers and other audience members, we ask that you stay for the duration of the show (1 hour from 9-10pm).
- Friday, December 16 HRE Character Counts Assembly (Responsibility - Wear GREEN)
- PTSA Holiday Luncheon
 (1102 De Anza Place from 11am-1pm)
 *More details to follow regarding price and rsvp notices.
- Wednesday, December 21 **HOLIDAY SHOW**
 RED TICKETS - Names starting with N-Z – 9-10am
- Thursday, December 22 **HOLIDAY SHOW**
 YELLOW TICKETS - Names starting with A-M – 9-10am
- Friday, December 23 Classroom Holiday Parties
 Paper Drive
 Box Tops Collection
- December 24-January 8 **WINTER BREAK** – No school

Winter Kid's Camp for children ages 5-12

(#W17-1018) See page 6 in *The Buzz*

Highland Oaks Elementary School, 10 Virginia Road

Tuesday-Friday, December 27-30 (from 9am-5pm)

Tuesday-Friday, January 3-6 (from 9am-5pm)

\$17 per child, per day

Students must bring a lunch

*Each day will be filled with games, crafts, and movies.

Activities at the L.A. Arboretum

Santa Anita Depot Tours

Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10am-4pm; Sundays from 1-4pm

FREE with admission

*Tour the interior and learn what the depot was like when it was operational.

Docent-Led Walking Tours

Tuesdays-Fridays at 10am; Saturdays from 10:30am

FREE with admission

Learn About the Upcoming Holidays

Watch a short video about the winter holidays on BrainPopJr. - <https://jr.brainpop.com/>

Username: **arcadiausd**

Password: **brainpop**

Search: **Winter Holidays**

Read along with holiday stories on TumbleBook Library

(Accessed through the Arcadia Public Library Children's Services Page). *You need a Library Card.

Select: **Story Books**

Select: **Cultures and Holidays**

Eight Winter Nights

Twas the Night Before Christmas

A Chanukah Noel



Chanukah or Hanukkah **Begins December 24, 2016 at sundown**

Hanukkah, also known as the Festival of Lights, is a Jewish festival celebrated in December. This celebration began in 165 B.C. when Jewish people returned to their temple (place of worship) and found only enough oil to burn their lamps for one day, but miraculously, it lasted for eight. During Hanukkah, one candle is lit each night for eight days to remember this miracle. The candles are put in a candlestick called a "menorah." During Hanukkah, Jewish families sing songs and children play games with spinning tops called "dreidels."

Christmas

Christians remember Christmas Day, **December 25**, as the birth of Jesus. Families prepare for the holiday by decorating their homes with fir trees, wreaths, and lights, sending Christmas cards, buying gifts for friends and family, and singing Christmas carols. Sometimes groups of carol singers entertain their neighbors and friends by singing outside their homes. On Christmas Eve, many Christians attend church services and parties. Christmas Day is a day of feasting, exchanging gifts, and spending time with family and friends. Santa Claus is said to fill stockings and leave gifts while children sleep on Christmas Eve. This tradition reminds Christians that baby Jesus received three gifts from the wise men.

Kwanzaa

Kwanzaa, which means "first fruits," is an African-American holiday celebrated between **December 26 and January 1**. This holiday was established in 1966 to help African-Americans celebrate their heritage. A candle is lit each day on a candlestick called a "kinara," families decorate their homes with traditional African crafts, and gifts are given on the last day. Each of the seven days is dedicated to one of "The Seven Principles of Kwanzaa" which represent values such as unity and creativity.

New Year's Day

New Year's Eve, December 31, is spent counting down the time until New Year's Day on January 1. Television stations follow parties across the country and perhaps the most famous is that in Times Square, New York. At 11:59pm, a huge shining ball of light is lowered from a flagpole on top of the Times Building to ring in the new year. People use poppers, streamers, and horns to make a great deal of noise, cheer, and toast the new year. It is traditional to make new year's resolutions, or promises, to start off the new year with good habits and intentions. On New Year's Day, many people watch **parades like the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena**, or football games like the Cotton Bowl in Texas.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day: January 16, 2017

Martin Luther King Jr. Day is celebrated on the third Monday in January, the Monday closest to his birthday. Martin Luther King Jr. was an American clergyman who spent his life campaigning peacefully for equal rights for everyone in America. In 1963 he gave a famous speech called "I Have a Dream" and talked about people being judged by the "content of their character" and not the color of their skin. He was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964, and was shot and killed in 1968.