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Bonnie Academy Newsletter

Welcome to Year 2013

Welcome to the year 2013. Finally the holiday season is over and we can all go back concentrating on our school work. We would like to give you few reminders:

1. We are lucky to be residing in a beautiful and warm place like Southern California, but please do not be fooled by the sunshine. We are in the winter season and the temperature does drop low. Please dress your child appropriate to the weather. Cold weather can be a cause to sore trot and runny nose.

2. With the holiday schedule many students have been in and out of school at odd times. Students, especially those which are in preschool and kindergarten, academics begin at 9:00 am.

3. Students can only be released to people who are listed on the "student release form". Please do not be upset if you're asked to show an identification card – it is the law, but more importantly it is for the safety of your child.

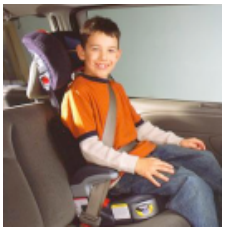
4. All children must be signed in when dropped off at the school and signed out when picked up. You need to sign in clearly in the correct spot of the "Sign in and Out sheet". This is extremely important and it is the law.

5. If you need to buy lunch for your child from our caterer, please remember that the lunch orders must be called in to the school no later than 10:00 am.

6. If you are paying the weekly tuition rate, the balance is due at the beginning of the week and no later than Tuesday. If you are paying the monthly tuition rate, the balance is due no later than the first week of the month. Due to high receivable in the past year, in 2013 we will be charging a late fee of 10% the first week and an incremental increase of 20% in the following weeks.

We encourage that all parents to have an open communication with us. You can contact us by telephone (818) 244 3241 or via email bonnieacademy@gmail.com.

California Booster Seat Laws 2013



The **California Booster Seat Law** prohibits parents, guardians, or drivers from transporting on a highway in a motor vehicle any child **under 8 years old** without securing that child in a child restraint that meets federal motor vehicle safety standards.

That law from 2012 is now supported by a new California law for 2013.

The new **Child Car Seat Installation, Inspection & Instruction Law**, effective in 2013, helps parents and guardians make sure kids' car seats are installed safely.

State law requires every public or private hospital, clinic, or birthing center, at the time of the discharge of a child, to provide information on the current law requiring child passenger restraint systems to the parents or the person to whom the child is released.

AB 1452, which takes effect January 1, 2013, adds a requirement that parents be notified and informed about where, and at no cost, the child passenger restraint system can be inspected and proper installation instruction can be given.

Many fire stations and CHP offices are among the agencies that provide free car safety inspections. For information on the child restraint law already in effect, keep reading.

2012 Booster Seat Law

The child safety seat law, which went into effect in January 2012, imposes stiff fines and penalties for violations, including the possibility of **child endangerment** charges.

The old California Booster Seat Law had required a child under 6 years of age, who weighed less than 60 pounds, to be secured in a rear seat in a child restraint that met federal standards, but allowed the child to ride in the front seat if properly secured, including riding in taxis if all rear seats are already occupied by children under 12 years of age.

The new California law for 2012 extends the old law by requiring children to ride in booster seats in the back seat **until their 8th birthday**.

Seat belts are made for average adults and don't fit a child who is not at least 4' 9" tall. 6-7 year old kids are at risk because they might be too big for child car seats and yet too small to be protected by seat belts.

A booster seat raises the child up, so the seat belt allows the lap belt to lay across the upper thighs (rather than the child's stomach), and allows the shoulder harness to lay across the shoulder and chest (rather than across the neck or face).

Statistics show that using a booster seat, as opposed to a seat belt, reduces a kid's risk of injury by 59 percent, thus the new 2012 California Booster Seat Law.

The new California car seat law does contain a provision, however, that **a child under 8 years of age who is 4'9" inches in height or taller may use a safety belt rather than a child safety seat** or booster seat.

Read the entire **2012 California Booster Seat Law (SB 929)** for yourself and avoid endangering a California child --- and prevent yourself from getting busted too.

Read more **New California Laws 2013** or visit **http://www.californiality.com/2011/12/california-booster-seat-law-2012.html**

Pecan Tassies / Mini Pecan Pie

2 cups butter or 2 cups margarine, softened
4 (3 ounce) packages cream cheese, softened
4 cups flour
3 eggs
2 1/2 cups brown sugar, packed
3 tablespoons butter, melted
1/2 teaspoon vanilla
1 pinch salt
1 1/2 cups pecans, chopped (chopped dried cranberries or mini chips can also be put in with pecans)

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 375.

2. In medium bowl, mix together the margarine and cream cheese until well blended. Beat in flour, 1 cup at a time, until the mixture forms smooth dough. Chill the dough while making the filling.

3. In another bowl, mix the eggs, brown sugar, butter, vanilla, and salt. Stir in the pecans.

4. Roll into small balls, and press slightly into the bottoms and sides of greased tart pans or mini muffin pans making sure to put some of the dough over the lip of the cup. Use a spoon to fill each of the crusts 2/3 full with the filling. It will overflow if you fill too full.

5. Bake for 15-18 minutes in oven, until shell is lightly browned, and filling has puffed up. Cool, and carefully remove from pan.

Winter Books

- Winter Friends by Carl R., II Sams and Jean Stoick (Jul 2003)
- Winter: An Alphabet Acrostic by Steven Schnur and Leslie Evans (Oct 21, 2002)
- Winter Board Book by Gerda Muller (Aug 2004)
- Winter Woes by Marty Kelley (Sep 2004)
- One Winter's Day by M. Christina Butler and Tina Macnaughton (Oct 2006)
- The Story of Snow: The Science of Winter's Wonder by Mark Cassino (Oct 7, 2009)
- Animals in Winter (Let's-Read-and-Find... Science 1) by Henrietta Bancroft and Helen K. Davie (Dec 13, 1996)
- When Winter Comes by Nancy Van Laan and Susan Gaber (Oct 1, 2000)
- Winter (Four Seasons) by Núria Roca (Jun 30, 2004)
- It'S Winter (Celebrate the Seasons!) by Linda Glaser (Sep 1, 2002)

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