



# Key Center Spotlight

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Principal: Tom Flick  
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## Principal's News

Dear Parents and Staff,



It is hard to believe that it is already December and we are fast approaching our Winter Break. The school year is going quite well and all of the students are working hard along with our dedicated staff. I visit every classroom most days and I am amazed at the high level of instruction that is taking place, whether it is the classroom teacher, therapist, or support staff that is interacting with the students. The instructional process at Key Center School is absolutely the best that I have seen. The staff is truly dedicated and committed to every child.

At this time of the year one tends to reflect over the past year. Our renovation project has been completed and we have a school that presents itself in a bright and cheerful way. Our equipment - from computers, TVs, speech voice output devices, physical therapy equipment, and new classroom furniture - certainly allows our students to access their environment in a productive manner that enhances their overall educational program.

What a big success Winterfest was this year. We had over 40 parents in attendance and what a treat they received! Our students put on quite a performance. They sang and presented activities that represented the many cultures that make Key Center School so diverse. Many thanks to Rebecca Barry, our Music Therapist, who put this program together and to the many staff members who assisted her.

I would like to thank parents, students, and staff for enriching my life and certainly making me a better person. I want to wish each of you a happy holiday. I certainly value all that you do and I look forward to the New Year working with you.

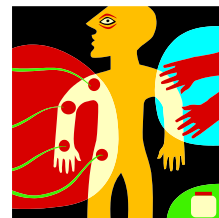
Sincerely,  
*Tom Flick*

Tom Flick, Principal

## Focus on OT!

An occupational therapist (OT) is a trained care professional that uses purposeful directed activities and task analysis to enable children with a disability to benefit from their individualized education programs (IEP's). Federal law mandates that occupational therapy in the school system be educationally relevant. In the school setting, occupational therapy is a related service to special education under part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Act. This means that services must enhance or support educational goals as stated on the student's IEP. Occupational Therapists in the school setting look at certain skills issues which may interfere with a child's educational performance such as hand function, oral motor function, visual motor and perceptual skills, self-care and pre-vocational tasks. These areas can be addressed through a variety of intervention strategies, which may include direct therapy with a child, consultation with the teacher, modification of the environment, provision of adaptive equipment, and staff training.

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## December Events

- December 19 - Winterfest
- December 24 - January 2 Winter Break (No School)





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## Spotlight on Room 342

Teacher: Kim Hudson  
Assistant: Nee Duangrat  
Attendant: Teresa Erroa

It's hard to believe that the students have been in school for an entire quarter already. Even harder to believe-that the holiday season is upon us. We have been busy in room 342.

The year started with these lessons: "summer", "about me", and "pets". We took a community trip to Petsmart where we bought two goldfish for our classroom. Anza named them Nemo and Nellie. Unfortunately, Nemo is no longer with us. The students enjoy feeding Nellie on a daily basis using a switch adapted feeder.

We have also done lessons on fall, leaves, and Thanksgiving. The students are all working hard on their individual goals and objectives. They enjoy time on the computer as well as daily sensory input.

This month we studied different holiday traditions. We enjoyed a trip to the Lee High School Toys for Tots concert early in the month. We have two birthdays during the month of December. Adil will turn 13, Alessandra will turn 8. We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

Happy Belated Birthday to the following students who have all had birthdays earlier this school year: Kimoni, Laura, and Sarah.



## Spotlight on Room 312

Teacher: Beth Curtis  
Assistant: Akberet Endrias  
Attendant: Hea Byun

It is hard to believe that more than a quarter of the school year has passed and Winter Break is upon us already.

In Room 312, we have been working hard and learning a lot too. Using a new curriculum package, we have focused instruction on a central theme each month. The students have been quite busy. Each month they have participated in a wide variety of literacy, math, science and life skill activities. Through the use of assistive technology (both high and low tech), they have been actively engaged in lessons, games and routines. Further, they have utilized these tools to effectively demonstrate what they have learned. I have been very impressed with the students' hard work and determination!

The students and staff of Room 312 are looking forward to spending time with family and friends over the upcoming Winter Break and want to wish the Key Center School community:



## Happy Holidays!!