

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING LA BEFANA CHILDREN'S PARTY

**Dear parents,**

Preparations for the 2008 Befana children's party are well underway!! I am pleased to share with you that we have a committee of parents that has been meeting regularly to plan fun-filled afternoon for you and your families. The caterer and music are in place and we are working out the last bit of details of the day's activities.

**Raffle:** As in years' past, we ask each family to contribute items for the gift baskets for the fundraising raffle. The proceeds from the raffle help to offset the cost of the afternoon, as well as provide additional funds for the school. Kindly see below for your or your children(s) class theme along with some ideas. The committee will be put the raffle baskets together the afternoon of Saturday, January 5<sup>th</sup>. Please bring your contribution no later than the January 5<sup>th</sup> class.

Class	Teacher(s)	Basket Theme	Ideas
Pre-K	Angela & Ombretta	Italian Candy	Italian chocolates, candies, nuts, biscotti
Kindergarten	Maria, Deborah & Vanessa	Italian Dinner	Bottle of wine, wine glasses, dried pasta, pesto, canned tomatoes, olive oil, spices, colander, cheese grater, serving dish, serving spoons, wooden cooking spoons
Level I	Adria, Enza & Massimo	Espresso	Espresso, coffee grinder, espresso pot, espresso cups (4), cappuccino cups (4), demitasse spoons, biscotti, pannetone, coffee liquores (Sambuca, etc)
Level II	Tiffany	Lottery Tickets	Variety of scratch tickets – this is always a crowd favorite!
Advanced	Matteo	Sports	Soccer ball, Italian soccer tee shirts, bocce set, Italian-themed apparel (hat, t-shirts, etc) Italian flag, Italian flag pins, sports mugs, sport pictures, sport books, etc.
Adult	Francesco	Gift Certificate (Restaurant)	Pool \$ together to purchase a gift certificate for dinner out - use your imaginations!!

**Child's Gift:** Please bring a wrapped small gift (~\$10.00) for the Befana to give to your child/children. Please be sure that your child's full name is written clearly and gift tag securely fastened. Members of the Befana committee will collect the gifts during the Saturday, January 5<sup>th</sup> lessons and keep them for the party.

**Dessert Table:** Although the party will be catered, **we ask that donations be brought for the sweets table.** Coffee and espresso will be served.

For more information, tickets/reservations, or questions, please contact Diane Basile at 978.456.6979 or [dbasile@verizon.net](mailto:dbasile@verizon.net).

We wish you and your families the very merriest Christmas and a happy & healthy New Year. Thank you in advance for your support of our school.

Buon Natale e Buone Feste!

The Befana Committee