

MIR Parents News

November 14, 2019



Russian Exchange Student Trip to Seward - Sept., 2019

Russian Exchange “Shout-Out”

A message from Mrs. Yelena Reep, the 9th-12th grades Russian teacher, regarding the Sept. 22-Oct. 4 visit of our “sister school” student group: “I had a chance to spend a lot of time with 12 visiting high school students and

WHO IS SNOW MAIDEN?

Снегурочка is the fictional granddaughter of Father Frost.

WHO IS FATHER FROST?

Дед Мороз is a fictional character similar to that of Santa Claus.

MEMBERSHIP GOAL

We have a MIR record this year with 108 members. Together we are strong!

Спасибо!



Kaladi Coffee Fundraiser

Order forms are due by Monday, November 25th.



Parents Night Out - Kids' Russian Fun

Pre-registration forms & payment due by Dec. 4th



Nov. 15th Membership Meeting/Movie Night - CANCELED!!!

the chaperones, and you cannot believe how touched they all are by your kindness, involvement, support and attention. These two weeks made a life-long impact on the lives of 16 Russian kids. In turn, they allowed our students to have a special connection with someone across the world, a native Russian speaker. You opened a window into



the world for all them. As they grow up, they will be evaluating life from a point of reference that differs from their peers who might have travelled abroad on vacation with their parents, but never had a chance to live with the families, go to school with their peers in that country or host a peer from another country. This is huge. You just changed lives!"

Thank you to SO many MIR Parents families, teachers, and administrators that were hosts, drivers, cooks, friends, and tour guides to our Russian visitors from School 534 in St. Petersburg, Russia. What a great exchange experience!!! Thank you for your hospitality & generosity!

UPCOMING SOON TO A SCHOOL NEAR YOU . . .

- **Dec 6, Fri., 5:30-8pm - Parents' Night Out - Russian Fun Night** (Turnagain mpr/gym)
- **Dec 15, Sun., 1pm - "Nutcracker" School Play/"Father Frost"/ Silent Auction/Coffee & Bake Sale** (West High Auditorium.)
- **Jan 10 Fri. - "Father Frost"** visits Turnagain Elem. with 2 student assemblies
- **Jan 23, Thurs., 6:30 pm MIR Member Meeting & Kids' Russian Story Time** (West H.S. Library)
- **Feb 21 Fri., 6:30pm - Kids' Russian Movie Night** (Turnagain mpr)



Why The Nutcracker?

The classical 2-act ballet has its beginning in Russia & was first performed in St. Petersburg, Russia at the Mariinsky Theatre in 1892. Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky wrote the music; he is one of the most popular of all Russian composers.

The Nutcracker is based on E.T.A. Hoffmann's 1816 fairy tale *The Nutcracker and the Mouse King*. It tells the story of a little girl who goes to the Land of Sweets on Christmas Eve. Ivan Vsevolozhsky and Marius Petipa adapted Hoffmann's story for the ballet. Marius Petipa and Lev Ivanov designed the dances. (Wikipedia)

Our Russian Immersion production is back by popular demand. The students & parents who were involved in the production last year (2018) wanted to do it again, but on a better stage. So, MIR has rented the West High School auditorium. We hope you attend, bring your friends & family, and support our efforts to "fund the arts" and this Russian language & cultural experience for our youth. Over 80 immersion students are performing - WOW!

RUSSIAN IMMERSION PROGRAM PRESENTS:
Новогоднее представление по мотивам сказки «Щелкунчик»

THE NUTCRACKER

SCHOOL PLAY


FEATURING ELENA LUKINA-EL'S FROZEN SYMPHONY AND
GUEST DANCERS FROM ANCHORAGE CLASSICAL BALLET ACADEMY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2019
WEST HIGH AUDITORIUM
1-2PM (PERFORMANCE TIME)
DOORS OPEN AT 12:30PM - 3PM

MEET FATHER FROST
AND SNOW MAIDEN
AFTER THE SHOW!

BAKE SALE AND SILENT AUCTION
TO SUPPORT
RUSSIAN IMMERSION PROGRAM!

TICKETS
\$10 AT THE DOOR
KIDS FREE



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Thank you to Maria Belozertseva & Lee Post for this fantastic poster design.
Coming Soon! . . . Nutcracker ticket pre-sale for \$5/adult.

Thank you to the ever-patient and enthusiastic teachers, directors, and parent-volunteers: Elena Lukina-Shelt, Natalia Clarke, Olga Pustina, Olga Piekarski, Natalia Bagramian, Inna Ashcroft, Vlada Sotskaya, and Maria Belozertseva. We applaud your hard work and making this event possible for our community! See you there!

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