



***WINTERFEST 2016***

The Winter Festival was a huge success for GLCAC, Inc.-Head Start, LEAP and the Child Care Center. The Winter Festival took place on Thursday, December 15th, 2016 at the LHS Performing Arts Center. The children collaborated together to sing whimsical holiday songs. A big thank you to all the staff who worked very hard on and behind the scenes. Also, we would like to acknowledge all the volunteers who helped out in this wonderful event.



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**Budget Buddies Graduation**

The Budget Buddies graduation ceremony was held on Wednesday, December 14, 2016. Budget Buddies is a program that helps low-income women become more economically self-sufficient and transform their lives by teaching them core money-management skills and pairing them with personal financial coaches.



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## Holiday Brunch

On Tuesday, December 20, 2016 the Administration, and Transportation staff had its holiday party. The staff had the opportunity to enjoy some delicious food and come together during this wonderful time of the year.



Please join us as we welcome our new HS Staff: Maria Moronta (Substitute), Orianna Hidalgo (Family Advocate) and Zaida Chalas (Bus Monitor).

## Policy Council Potluck

On Monday, December 12, 2016 the Policy Council had their holiday potluck. This dinner also served as a farewell celebration for Lisa Burnett and Jocelyn Marte. The HS program recognized Lisa and Jocelyn for their dedicated time and service as executive members of the Policy Council for the past three years.



## Marshmallow-Krispie Christmas Trees

### Ingredients:

- 4 tablespoons (1/2 stick) unsalted butter
- 10 oz. bag of marshmallows
- 6 cups Rice Krispies
- Green Food coloring
- Mini M&M's
- 6 yellow gumdrops
- 12 Rolos

### Preparation:

1. Melt butter and marshmallows in a large saucepan over medium heat, stirring. Remove from heat and stir in Rice Krispies and 15 drops green food coloring.
2. Line a baking sheet with parchment; grease hands with oil. Form 12 small cone shapes, using about 1/2 cup mixture for each. Let cool on baking sheet, about 15 minutes.
3. Pipe frosting on 1 tree to create string for lights. Add mini M&M's for bulbs. Lay each gumdrop on its side; cut it crosswise into 3 slices. Use frosting to adhere 1 flat slice to top of tree and 1 Rolo to bottom for trunk. Repeat with remaining trees. Let frosting dry completely, 2 to 3 hours, before wrapping.



## ESL Holiday Potluck

Mr. Mele's Basic I & II ESL classes had their holiday potluck on December 19 & 20, 2016. The parents had a wonderful time, enjoying some delicious foods and celebrating the warmth of the season.



## \*\*\* IMPORTANT \*\*\*

**ALL STAFF - Please be sure to call Julie Holmes at (978) 620-4631 or email her at [jholmes@glcac.org](mailto:jholmes@glcac.org) by 6:30am for ANY ABSENCE**



## Quote of the Month

“Seeing is believing, but sometimes the most real things in the world are the things we can't see.”

—The Polar Express

***If you would like to share any pertinent information through the Monthly Newsletter, please email: [agrullon@glcac.org](mailto:agrullon@glcac.org). All photos must be uploaded to the drive. Please ensure that children in the photos have a photo release form signed by their parent in their file. Thank you to Andres Gonzalez, (Outreach Specialist) for providing pictures for the newsletter.***