



Dear Kindergarten & Rosebud Parents,

August 2019

We hope you're having a lovely summer and enjoying these last few weeks before school starts!

Although it feels like the holidays are very far off from now, we want to take this opportunity to introduce you to a very beloved community tradition that takes place at KWS every year on the first Friday and Saturday in December.

For over 40 years, the school's parent body has organized and led the **KWS Annual Juried Craft Show**. Many local artists and craftspeople showcase their talents at this unique event. There are also many other activities set up around the school for the whole family to enjoy --even our little ones -- like candle dipping and other crafting opportunities. Parents of every grade at KWS volunteer their time to help make these activities possible. In addition to it being a lovely shopping experience, it is also an important fundraiser for the school. Proceeds from the Craft Show support the KWS scholarship fund for families in need and it also serves as a wonderful way to display the school to the larger community.

One of the most treasured events that takes place at the Craft Show is **Little Gnome Village**, which is a magical experience that Kindergarten and Rosebud parents will create as a gift to our young children. A Kindergarten classroom will be totally transformed into a wondrous 'marketplace' full of very special, small gifts lovingly made by the gnomes (i.e. Rosebud & Kindergarten parents) for the children to 'shop' for as gifts. Each child will spend time thoughtfully considering 3 perfect gifts. Typically, these gifts are for Mom or Dad, siblings, grandparents, good friends and often one for themselves. The beaming smiles and visible pride the children have when they walk out is so wonderful. Afterward, they get to pick a cookie from our cookie tree and can attend a puppet play.

This year's Craft Show will take place on **Friday, December 6 & Saturday, December 7**. We will be in touch with you in the coming weeks with ways you can be involved in creating this beautiful experience for our children and invaluable gift to our whole school community. We love this special event and look forward to working together with you in fun ways to make it come about!

With all best wishes,

*Little Gnome Village Planning Team*