

## Sample School Newsletter

Many public schools around the country say they are faced with what's called the "December Dilemma," where religious beliefs intersect with public education. Here at the ASD, we think December presents us with the opportunity of acknowledging and embracing the diverse religious beliefs of our students and their families.

The ASD is committed to a culturally responsive curriculum. We encourage all students and staff members to tolerate and appreciate each other's religious beliefs.

Here at our school, classroom activities are selected on the basis of their educational value. All events will have a religiously neutral theme and will neither promote nor inhibit religious views. The traditions of different people will be shared and respected.

Staff are allowed to teach about religious holidays and other occasions without proselytizing only if the instruction is reasonably related to the district curriculum and reflects a balanced approach about diverse religions and practices around the world.

Although our events will be religious-neutral, you may request your children be excused from attending or participating in the holiday event. Students will not be graded on participation or non-participation in the activity.

Sharing and caring are important aspects of every holiday that all staff and students are encouraged to practice throughout the entire school year.