

## Rosemead School District

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## News Release

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Rosemead SD Announces the Recognition to Mildred B. Janson Elementary School Students and Staff by The Panda Restaurant Group, Inc. for its Achievements in *The Leader In Me* Program through their Annual Holiday Party

**Rosemead, CA, December 19, 2014**: The Panda Restaurant Group, parent company of Panda Express hosted its 7<sup>th</sup> annual holiday party for local elementary school students on Thursday, December 18 2014 in recognition of their accomplishments as a "Lighthouse School" in *The Leader in Me* program.

This year, Panda has chosen to acknowledge Mildred B. Janson Elementary School for achieving the "Lighthouse" status within the *Leader in Me* program. "Lighthouse recognition comes because of the results a school is achieving and the impact it is having on staff, students, parents, and the greater community, and we are very proud of our principal, students and staff at Janson School," said Superintendent Dr. Enomoto-Perez.

The celebration begins at 9:00 a.m. at the Panda Restaurant Group headquarters in Rosemead, California, where over 600 students will be treated to a delicious Panda Express lunch, a carnival created by the Support Center associates organized through Panda Cares program, special appearances by Santa & loved characters, along with a fun filled day.

The Leader in Me program is sponsored by Panda Restaurant Group through its Panda Charitable Foundation, whose mission is to support the health and educational needs of underserved children. The Leader in Me program is a school program that integrates timeless leadership principles with practical character and life skills relevant to today's challenges. By building self-confidence, interpersonal skills, elevating student achievement and reducing school-wide discipline problems, this program helps children become leaders in their field of interest.

"Janson School and the Rosemead School District appreciate all of the efforts of Panda Restaurant employees on behalf of our children," said both Principal Cardenas and Superintendent Dr. Enomoto-Perez. The Rosemead School District Board and administration are proud to have Mildred B. Janson students selected and honored during Panda's annual holiday party. On behalf of Mildred B. Janson Elementary School students and staff, the Rosemead School District thanks the Panda Restaurant Group for the honor.

For more information regarding the Rosemead School District programs and student accomplishments, contact the Superintendent's Office at (626) 312-2900 x212, via fax (626) 307-6148, email cbracamonte@rosemead.k12.ca.us or visit www.rosemead.k12.ca.us.

For more information regarding The Panda Restaurant Group please visit <a href="https://www.pandaexpress.com">www.pandaexpress.com</a> or become a fan on Facebook. The Panda Restaurant Group, Inc. is the world leader in Asian dining experiences with more than 1,761 locations in 46 states as well as Canada, Dubai, Mexico and Korea. Founded in 1973, the privately held chain of fast casual, full service and quick service restaurant concepts includes Panda Express, Panda Inn and Hibachi-San.

For more information regarding Panda Charitable Foundation please visit <a href="www.pandacares.org">www.pandacares.org</a>. Panda Charitable Foundation's mission is to bring hope to children in need. Our purpose is to support non-profit organizations serving the health and education needs of underserved children.

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