

CRESS CREEK MOMS & TOTS NEWSLETTER

December '22 - January '23

CHAIRMOM'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year, Moms & Tots Families! I hope you had a wonderful holiday season.

Like most of you, my family and I are wrapping up two-weeks of holiday togetherness. In my house, we have an interesting dynamic between our three kids. My first two kids are very close in age. In fact, when we go out, people often ask if they're twins. My first born, Mason, thinks the idea of being his brother's twin is a fate worse than death. My middle son, Max, always answers, "no," with a huge grin on his face.

The age gap between Max and his younger brother, Miles, is about 4 years. So, there's a big difference in the way the three boys get along. Mason and Max are as thick as thieves: playing sports, Legos and nerf gun wars for hours. And while Miles plays along, he's often: the goal keeper, Lego piece finder, or nerf gun target.

But, this holiday break was a really sweet time for my boys. They had two-long weeks to figure out how to be a trio - no school, sports or play dates to distract them from each other. They played, wrestled, snuggled and read books together. Mason helped Miles standup on skis, Miles made Max belly laugh as he slid around the ice rink like a penguin, and all three boys enjoyed a several-night sleepover in a tent.



While, it wasn't all hugs & high-fives these past two weeks, (one boy, in fact, has a good scratch across his nose due to a tussle with his brother while wearing ice skates), this break was good for my boys - and me. We slowed down our schedule and spent quality time together.

It's hard being a parent. The days can be long, and it's easy to feel overwhelmed - especially around the holidays. I hope you found rest and took time to prioritize the things important to you. I hope you were able to reconnect with family & friends and now find yourself with a renewed sense of energy moving into 2023!

The board and I are ready to resume events. There are several special things in the works!

In this month's newsletter, we are recapping the Ladies Holiday Party and Santa visits. Checkout the Save-the-Date page for upcoming events and our Board Picks - "Costco Favorites".

Can't wait to see you soon!

Your friend,
Meghan

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Ladies' Holiday Party

Thank you to our very gracious host
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for making this wonderful event possible!

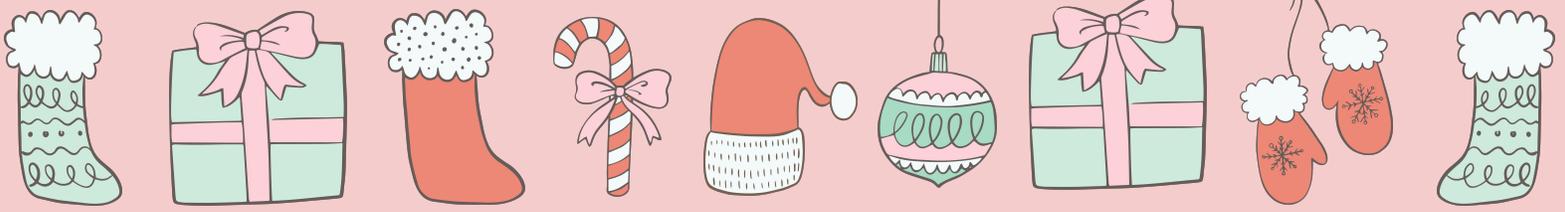




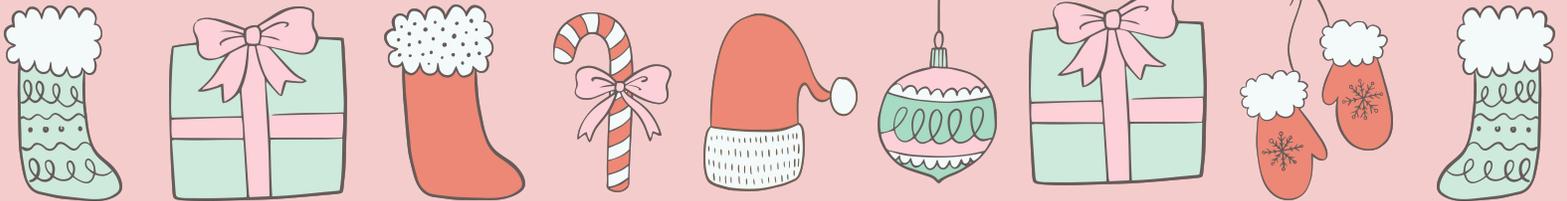
Santa Visits

A very heartfelt thank you to all the Santas and Elves who made this tradition possible and brought SO MUCH Joy to the families of Cress Creek!

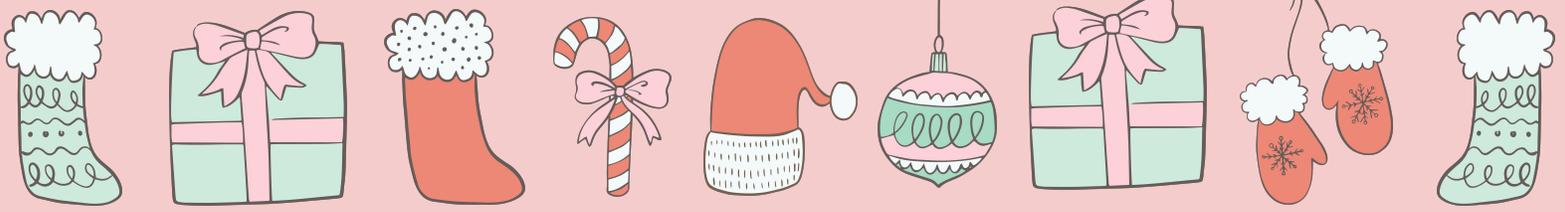














December/January Board Pick:

COSTCO Favorites

This month the board is sharing some of our favorite finds from one of our favorite places to shop - COSTCO!

Name: Meghan

Item: Costco Pizza

Why I love it: Coming to one of my kids' birthday parties? Having Friday night dinner with us? See me at Costco on Monday at lunch time? We're eating Costco pizza. They're huge, inexpensive and delicious. An absolute crowd pleaser and are great as leftovers the next day



Name: Amanda

Item: Just Bare Chicken Chunks

Why I love it: This is seriously the best frozen chicken! My whole family loves it. We usually cook these delicious lightly breaded morsels in the air fryer for a quick weeknight meal...they're great alone, tossed in your favorite sauce, or even added to chicken recipes!



Name: Sara

Item: Take Out Buffalo Wings

Why I love it: These are in the frozen section and we love making these in the air fryer. They come with a Buffalo sauce, but we usually just use our own. They get so crispy in the air fryer and really taste like they're from a restaurant!



Name: Caroline

Item: Milton's Cauliflower Crust Veggie Pizza

Why I love it: This frozen pizza is great to keep on hand for a quick meal that tastes great! I often add a bagged salad on the side to keep the meal really easy!



Name: Alex

Item: Tortilla Crusted Tilapia

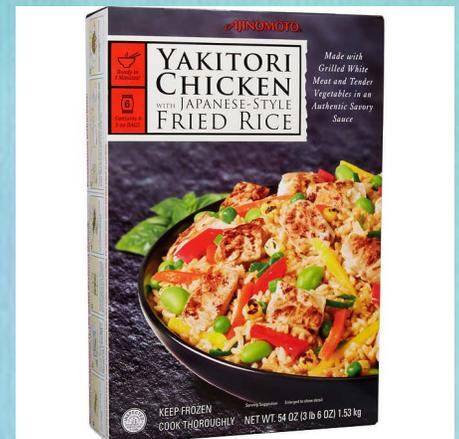
Why I love it: Whether you're looking for a quick fish taco, or a taco salad, the tortilla crusted tilapia (in the frozen section) is a great thing to keep in the freezer for an easy dinner. The tortilla chip crust with the flaky fish is so flavorful and also kid friendly!



Name: Julie

Item: Yakitori Chicken Fried Rice

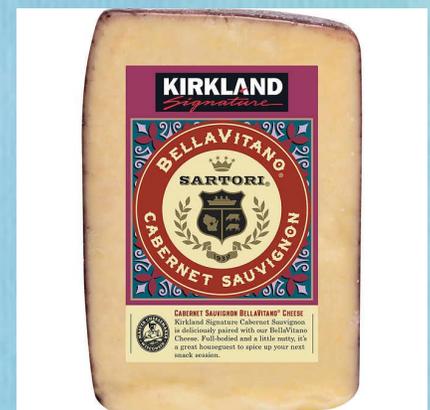
Why I love it: Just 3 minutes in the microwave, you can't beat this fried for its flavor and value! It has a good variety of vegetables and chicken, and it's not too salty. My husband eats this for lunch almost everyday haha, and we like to put some sriracha sauce or spicy chili oil on it! :)



Name: Katie

Item: Kirkland Signature Sartori Cabernet Sauvignon BellaVitano Cheese

Why I love it: Great as an easy app for entertaining or as an everyday snack! Always a crowd pleaser and everyone asks where they can buy it.



Name: Roby

Item: Frozen Atlantic Salmon

Why I love it: One of my favorite things about this frozen salmon is that they're individually portioned. For this reason, they're perfect for a weekday dinner. We always have them in our freezer and they have saved me many times when I didn't know what to cook. !



Name: Erin

Item: Street Taco Kit

Why I love it: This is a grab and go dinner staple at our house. It is kid friendly, everything you need is included, and it is easy to pop in grab on the way home from work. For two adults and a preschooler, we can usually get two meals from one box.



Name: Kathryn

Item: Main St. Bistro Yukon Gold Mashed Potatoes (2 pack)

Why I love it: These potatoes are my go-to when hosting a party! Mix in a pack of Boursin garlic & herbs cheese (also at Costco!) to add some flavor!



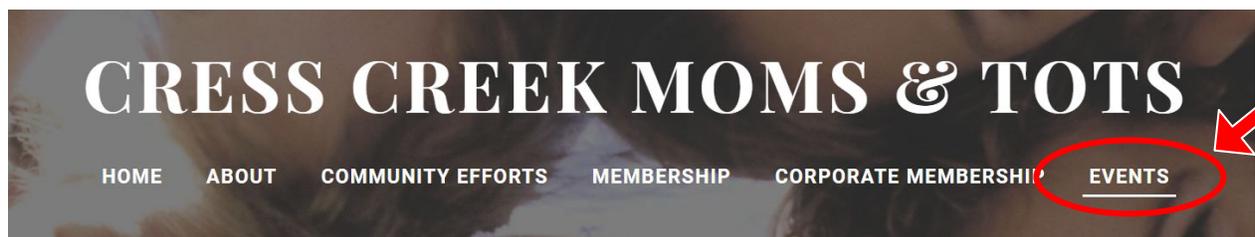
EVENTS

Check the chart below for a list of our upcoming CCM&T Events. Can't wait to see you there!



<u>EVENT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Playroom Cafe Playdate	Wednesday, February 8th	Playroom Cafe Two
Galentine's Day	Thursday, February 16th	Great Western Flooring
Casino Night	Saturday, March 4th RSVP HERE	Cress Creek Country Club
Story Time	Friday, March 17th	Nichols Library
Easter Egg Hunt	Saturday, April 8th, 3:30 PM	Cress Creek Park

Members can register for all events on ccmomsandtots.org.
Click the "EVENTS" tab to find information and RSVP



COUPLES CASINO NIGHT!

TAKE A CHANCE AND JOIN US

SATURDAY, MARCH 4TH | 7:00PM-10:30PM |
CRESS CREEK COUNTRY CLUB

RSVP BY 2/17 | \$50/COUPLE



#HOLDENSTRONG

Winner, Winner, Chicken Dinner! Bust out your lucky socks (and underwear) and join us for a fun Couples Night out at the Cress Creek Country Club. Enjoy Casino Games facilitated by Professional Dealers*, heavy passed hors-d'oeuvres and join the fight against kids cancer by supporting pediatric cancer foundation, Cal's Angels. Please bring cash if you wish to participate in our 50/50 Raffle, recognizing the Mullen Family of Cress Creek, in memory of Holden Gray. Cocktail Attire is requested and there will be a cash (or card) bar for drinks. This Event is \$25 per person (\$50 per couple), please register by Friday, February 17th. We hope to see you there!

*Casino Games include Blackjack, Craps, Poker & Roulette using "Funny Money" only

[REGISTER HERE](#)



Happy Birthday!

December Birthdays

Danielle Harmon
Candice Falk
Nikki Reiser
Yeongju Richert

January Birthdays

Ashley Gunter
Yasmin Bourgeois
Michelle Hinders

Member Profile Updates

Attention all members! Please take a moment to log in to your member profile on ccmomsandtots.org to update your personal information!

Are you expecting a new addition to your family? Add it to your profile!

Has it been a few years since you added your kids ages? Update them in your profile!

Forgot to add your birthday when you signed up? Include it!

Write a few sentences about yourself and your family, too!

The more information in our member directory, the better we're able to connect with each other, and the better the Board is able to plan events that meet the needs of our members. Thanks!!

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