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## **Sensitive Santa Stops by *All Children Academics***

*All Children Academics host holiday event catered to those who could benefit from a less-stressful Santa experience*

**San Rafael, CA December 9, 2017** - The holidays represent a truly magical time of year that all children should have the opportunity experiencing and participating in. On December 9th, All Children Academics in San Rafael, alongside Professionals Empowering Parents (PEP), and Matrix Parent Network & Resource Center, are generously presenting an inclusive 'Sensitive Santa' event for children with special needs, sensitivities, and/or those who just enjoy a less-hectic environment.

What makes this event different from others? Traditional Santa events typically include long lines, lots of waiting, and overstimulation. *Sensitive Santa* offers all the fun of meeting Santa in an environment that's much less chaotic. There's an online sign-up to eliminate long lines and wait times, sensory-friendly playground and activities, sensory tools such as therapy dogs from the Marin Humane Society to maintain a calm atmosphere, and an understanding Santa. A professional photographer will be there to capture the special moments and provide each family with a photo of their child with Santa. The event is complimentary, with \$20 raffle tickets being sold to benefit Matrix Parent Network & Resource Cen-

ter. Each raffle ticket includes 1 entry into their exciting raffle with prizes such as a 4-night stay in Tahoe and a luxury hotel stay in Sonoma.

All too often, families of children with special needs have to opt-out of community events given the challenge in participating. It was because of this, that the *Sensitive Santa* event was created; to celebrate *all* children and bring excitement and inclusion to an otherwise stressful event, creating a fun holiday ritual.

All Children Academics is a specialized private school for children with academic and social learning differences who serves children in transitional kindergarten through 5th grade. All Children Academics targets sensory regulation, social thinking, and academic advancement for both struggling and gifted learners.

Matrix Parent Network & Resource Center is a 501c3 nonprofit organization that provides support to families of children with special needs in Marin, Napa, Solano, and Sonoma Counties.