

Chan CLAN



Dear friends & family,

Jan-Feb-Mar ❄️ This year has been even more of a hectic whirlwind than the last! We started the year off in our own traditional fashion - a gathering of friends & family at the Sutton Place Hotel in Vancouver. We've been doing this every year since Kiana was born and have a lot of fun hanging out with friends and their little ones. The adults get to enjoy great food & drinks while all the little kiddies wreak their own havoc at our feet. Le's Soirées took off in full force with 2 weddings in March, and 3 more to follow in the summer.

Kiana continued to show us her developing personality, which proved to be a strong and amusing one. The mischievous little clown spent the early months making all sorts of funny faces, playing jokes on mommy & daddy, surprising us with her verbal antics, and getting into pretty much everything! Ah, the joys of having a toddler in the house...goodbye peace & quiet!



Apr-May-Jun ❄️ After the March Madness of weddings, this clan was ready for a break, so we quickly packed our bags and headed for the warm Hawaiian island of Oahu! We had a great time visiting with Allan's cousins in Honolulu & an even better time just hanging out as a family. Once we got home, Allan took off again for a 5-day stag in Cancun, then a conference in S. Carolina & got stuck in Chicago. He was home just in time to celebrate Kiana's 2nd birthday - this year's theme was a Luau. We also went on a camping trip in June, joined by Le's sister LU & her family.





Jul-Aug-Sep ❄️ This was one busy summer! In July, Le's brother Byron came to visit from Shanghai. It was a nice reunion for the Pantoja siblings, and Uncle B became more than a photo on the fridge to Kiana.

July and August were also the peak of wedding season in Vancouver, so it kept LeLe & her sister (along with the recruited 3rd assistant/self-proclaimed CEO of Le Soirées, Allan) very busy! It was nice to see Le's little wedding planning hobby turn into a blossoming business. Anything is possible! =>

Once wedding season was over, Le decided it was time for her to take a vacay of her own - without Kiana or Allan. So she gathered some of her favourite girls and took off on a 2.5 week Eurotrip through London, Athens, Mykonos & Santorini. She had a great time admiring ancient architecture and working on her tan, while Allan slaved away at work and Kiana hung out at Grandma Chan's house in Vancouver.



Oct-Nov-Dec ❄️ Clearly Allan missed LeLe while she was away, because less than 3 weeks after her return - SURPRISE! We found out we were pregnant...by exactly 2.5 weeks. On Sep. 19th, 2005, we found out we were pregnant with Kiana. On Sept. 19th 2008, pregnant again. Baby Chan #2's due date is June 1st, 2009...and thus begins another "Year of the Belly" for LeLe. The fall months were pretty much spent at home, with Le fighting the vicious morning sickness that hit her during this pregnancy (SO much worse than last time), Allan scrambling to keep up with LeLe's crazy food cravings, and Kiana driving them both up the wall with her increasing vocabulary and love of the word "why".

And here we are now in December, reflecting on the year we've had. It's been a year full of blessings for the Chan clan, and we hope that your year has been a blessed one as well. We wish you all the best for the holiday season and upcoming 2009. We love you!

❄️ Allan, LeLe, Kiana & Baby Chan #2

