

MUSIC NOTES

Wishing all NDS families a Happy Thanksgiving. Rest up, as we jump on the concert treadmill when we return in December!

THE NDS WINTER CONCERT WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17th AT 6:00pm AT THE KINGSWOOD ARTS CENTER IN WOLFEBORO.

- **All students in grades K-3, all 4th graders on recorders, the 5-6 concert band, and the 4-6 chorus will perform.**
- **ARRIVAL TIME:**
 - ALL NDS students should report to their respective meeting areas at the KAC at **5:45pm.**
 - **STUDENTS ARRIVING EARLY WITH THEIR PARENTS SHOULD NOT HEAD TO THEIR MEETING SPOTS UNTIL 5:45;** we cannot be responsible for supervision prior to that time. Thank you for your support.
- **WHAT TO WEAR:**
 - **Kindergarten, 1st grade, 2nd grade:** Please wear **polar/arctic colors** (white, light blue, light gray, blues, etc.) OR their "holiday best."
 - **3rd Grade:** Refer to costume notice.
 - **4th Grade, Chorus, Band:** Dress up very nicely (nice top with slacks/skirt or a dress for girls; collared shirt, dress slacks for boys - tie optional).
 - School dress code policy applies to concert attire - thanks.
- **Concert Concessions to benefit PTO:** A range of healthy snacks will be sold at the Kingswood Arts Center from 5:30-5:45pm and during intermission (following the K-3 portion of the concert) to keep everyone nourished and performance-ready! Proceeds will benefit the NDS PTO. PTO will also sponsor a silent auction that evening.
- **Dress Rehearsal Permission Slip:** All concert performing groups will rehearse at the KAC during the school day on either Monday 12/16 or Tuesday 12/17. **ALL STUDENTS MUST HAVE A SIGNED PERMISSION SLIP TO RIDE THE BUS TO AND FROM THE KAC AND PARTICIPATE IN THE REHEARSALS. Permission slips will be sent home right after Thanksgiving, and will be due by Thursday 12/12.**

3RD GRADE PARENTS:

- Please continue to practice your child's lines for the play at home on a regular basis.
- A **costume notice** regarding clothing needed for the 3rd graders' costumes is coming home **today** - look for a blue sheet of paper!

4TH GRADE PARENTS:

- **Please note that the Spring Concert will indeed be held on May 12th, 2020, but May 12th is a Tuesday, not a Thursday as the recorder letter incorrectly indicated.**
- Help your child remember to keep his/her recorder and book in **his/her backpack** so he/she is prepared for music class on Fridays.
- Your youngster should be practicing the song **"The Little Drummer BAG"** (Christmas

section of the book, page 1) for our winter concert performance on 12/17. Please encourage your child to start practicing NOW! Steady practice over a longer time yields improvement and helps reduce performance anxiety as the concert approaches.

4-6 CHORUS PARENTS:

- Your child now has a lyric sheet to practice our Winter Concert songs at home.
- By early next week, our **online “Chorus Practice Guide”** will be fully updated. Students should use the online practice guide and their lyric sheets to keep their music fresh over the Thanksgiving break. It can be found at my website, **mrsjohnsonmusic.blogspot.com**. Click on the Chorus Practice Guide tab for helpful practice videos, part assignments, and an online version of the lyric sheet. Thank you for helping your child access this helpful resource.

5-6 BAND/INSTRUMENTAL PARENTS:

- **KEEP PRACTICING OVER BREAK!!! If traveling over break, practice before leaving and upon returning!** Once back to school after Thanksgiving, **we’re 2 weeks away!!!**
- NDS band members are encouraged to perform with the Tuftonboro School band at the TCS winter concert through our **Concert Exchange Program**. Mark your calendars for the Tuftonboro School Winter Concert on **Thursday, December 12 at 6:00pm at Tuftonboro Central School**. A sign up sheet will come home right after Thanksgiving break.

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