



Mustang Message

We're Building Tomorrow

December 21, 2011

Franconia Elementary



Yesterday's winter concert was a huge success. The fifth and sixth grade chorus students treated us to lively holiday tunes with the help of selected band and strings students. The audience was amazed by some hidden student talents. One student played a piano solo and another played the violin. To top it off, some second grade students rocked the stage with "Jingle Bell Rock." All in all, it was an incredible event!

A Message from the Principal

The holidays are great times to reflect on cherished childhood memories. Some may be captured in family photos, or waiting for rediscovery in a personal journal. Just the smell of that traditional family meal may prompt others. Our heritage is a combination of all of these.

Talking with parents, grandparents, and extended family about their memories is a "living history" lesson for children. What was it like when you were growing up? Did you really wear THOSE clothes? No cars with automatic windows? No microwaves, cell phones, or Facebook? It's easy to forget that today's conveniences were once uncommon.

Help your child begin his own memory box. Those baby shoes will remind your child of how small he was. Capture elementary years with some fondly-chosen artwork or writing samples. They will charm your future young adult and bring back wonderful memories.

Find ways to share your family heritage in the weeks ahead, and have a memorable holiday season!

Merrell V. Dade
Principal

Reminder...No early dismissal on Thursday, December 22

Unlike recent school years, the students will not be dismissed early on December 22. It is a full day, and students will be dismissed at 3:35 p.m.

Franconia office closed, Dec. 23- Jan. 2

The Franconia School office will be closed from December 23 to January 2. The office will reopen on Tuesday, January 3, 2012.

You made a difference

In the past weeks we've offered holiday assistance and requested help to fulfill those requests. As in recent years, the request for holiday assistance increased and we worried that we would not have enough resources to honor the requests. However, the Franconia community—parents and staff—came to our rescue with much needed and generous donations. In fact, the SCA Coat Drive was a tremendous success. The SCA collected over 12 huge bags of gently used and brand new coats! We know the recipients of the Franconia Family's generous donations will be truly grateful.

Thank you for your kind and thoughtful contributions to support families in need during this holiday season!