

# The Graham Road Runner

Graham Road Focus School for Language & Fine Art



## December 2011 Newsletter

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### **Parent/Teacher Conferences**

A quick note of thanks to all of you who attended our November parent/teacher conferences. These important conferences provide both parents and teachers an opportunity to share good information about what can be done to insure that your child and our students have a successful school year. Thank you for making the time to participate.

### **Percussion Ensemble Performance**

We would like to congratulate Mr. Maxwell, Ms. Lucas, and our students in the percussion ensemble for their successful performance on November 10<sup>th</sup> at the Pittsburgh Convention Center in Pittsburgh, PA. Our students were selected from among students across the country to perform at the national music teachers' conference after submitting an audition video. The students performed twice for audiences of approximately 500 people, and received standing ovations for each performance! We also would like to thank the chaperones and sponsors who assisted in helping to make this very special event a reality. We are so proud of the students for all their hard work and dedication, and for performing in such an accomplished manner – both at the conference and throughout the trip! You represented Graham Road in an outstanding fashion!

### **Book Fair**

The school book fair will occur December 12-16, 2011. Your child may purchase books during this time when their class visits the library, or you and your child may enjoy an evening browsing and buying on December 15. There will be a large selection and variety of books from which to choose, so there will be something for everyone! Consider this another opportunity to complete your holiday shopping – purchase a good book for yourself or someone you love!

### **Winter Concert**

We invite each of you to attend our winter concert, which will be held on Thursday, December 15, 2011, at 7:00PM in our school gymnasium. You will have the pleasure of hearing our choral and percussion ensemble students perform (the band and strings concert will be in January). Mark your calendar now so you will not miss this festive occasion!

### **Make-Up Picture Day**

Students who were absent and did not have their school picture taken or who would like a re-take of their school picture, may participate in school picture make-up day on Friday, December 9, 2011. Further information and details will be sent home, but if you would like to have your child's picture **retaken**, please contact Mrs. Hart in the school office.

### **December PTA Meeting**

Our next PTA meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 6, 2011, at 6:30PM in the school library. Please plan to join us and be an active participant in your child's school and learning.

### **Winter Holidays**

As hard as it is to believe, our winter break is just around the corner. There will be no school December 23, 2011-January 1, 2012. Our wish for you and your family is a safe, restful, and warm holiday season together! We will see you in 2012!

### **Quote of the Month**

***As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."***

***John Fitzgerald Kennedy***