

Happy Holidays!

# Pearl Rhodes Elementary Weekly News December 21, 2017

## Music News

Thanks to all who attended our Winter Concert on December 6<sup>th</sup>. The students did a great job presenting the songs they had been practicing for weeks. The school concerts are a great way for the children to connect with their community. Not only do they love to see their families in the audience; they enjoy seeing the other classes perform. The younger students are always inspired by the older kids!

**PreK/K** students have been learning a dance to "Jingle Bells", and playing the jingle bells! They played bells and moved to a classical piece "Troika" from the Lieutenant Kije Suite by Sergei Prokofiev. Cocoa the horse puppet led them in movement with the bells to "Five Little Jingle Bells". They've also been singing "Turkey Feathers" and "Up on the Housetop", and dancing to "Windy Weather".

**Grades 1 and 2** have been singing "Take a Potato", a song about making latkes for Hanukkah. They came up with ideas for movements to go along with the song lyrics. They listened to "The Dance of the Reed Flutes" from "The Nutcracker Suite" by Tchaikovsky, and acted out a forest scene with mice, trees, elves and fairies to the music. They also learned the second verse to "Jingle Bells", and took home a song sheet with the lyrics to all three verses.

**3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade** had a special guest come to their December 13 music class. Composer and musician Zeke Hecker came to play his oboe for us. He shared some interesting facts about his instrument, and even brought "oboes" made from straws for all the kids to play! He played along while the kids sang some of their songs, and performed some short musical selections in different styles. He also brought an English Horn, which is sort of a big brother to the oboe. It was wonderful to see and hear the actual instruments up close demonstrated by a professional!

I wish you all a wonderful and musical holiday season!

Nancy Nesheim

Pearl Rhodes School Music Teacher



## Upcoming Events

### December 22

Early Release, 12:00  
no lunch served

### Dec. 25 – Jan. 1

Holiday Break

### January 2

Back to School!



### January 15

MLK Day, No School

### January 25

School Committee, PVRS

### February 19 - 23

Winter Recess



## School Council members STILL needed

PRES is looking for 2 to 3 people to join our School Council. Parents and community members are welcome and encouraged to help the principal and teachers to improve their school by joining and participating on the School Council. Please contact Bob Clancy at PRES if you have interest or would like more information.