



Bay Harbor Holiday Concert!



The holiday season is upon us once again which means it's time for the Holiday Concert! We are looking forward to our annual concert that will be held on Thursday, December 13th at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Those parents whose last names begin with A-M are invited to join us at 9:30 and parents whose last names begin with N-Z are invited to join us at 1:30. This helps us to accommodate the large number of students and the many family members they bring to our concerts. (All students will perform in both concerts) Of course, you may attend either concert.



Plan on arriving early to get your seat at the concert! While I appreciate the arrangements most parents have to make in order to have this time off during the workday, I would ask that you **please stay for the entire concert** as the last class performing deserves as big an audience as the first. The concert lasts approximately 1 hour. Staying for the entire concert also cuts down on general traffic issues as well as noise during the concert. Thank you for your support!



A great deal of time has already gone into the preparation for the holiday concert. We strive to incorporate pieces that feature multiple instruments, harmonic lines, choreography as well as melodic singing. All of the music performed during our holiday concert directly correlates with each grade level benchmarks. In Kindergarten, we like to move our bodies and express our feelings through music. Our song, **Gingerbread Cookie**, is a fun way to incorporate both movement and feeling! This year, 1st grade has really been focusing on matching pitch and singing together as a team. You can hear how we all blend our voices together in our song, **Celebramos Juntos**. Our 2nd grade songs are sure to keep you on your toes especially with our song **Jazzy Old St. Nick**. It has a jazzy big-band feel that will keep your toes a-tappin'! In 3rd grade music, we focus on the introduction to harmony and independent instrument playing. **Dona Nobis Pacem** is a way for us to not only demonstrate our harmonic singing but our skill at rhythmic and melodic instrument playing as well. 4th grade has been focusing on harmonic singing including the blending of voices as well as more complex rhythm patterns which will be heard in our song called **The Holly and The Ivy**. Our version will definitely pull at your heart-strings!



Another goal of our holiday concert is to show that music is a lifelong skill. There is an opportunity for **YOU** to show your son or daughter your musical support during our audience sing-a-long. Bring your singing voices and don't be afraid to sing out loud! ☺ It is sure to put us in the holiday spirit!

If you have any questions or comments, feel free to contact me anytime before or after school. I look forward to seeing you all on the 13th!

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