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DATES TO REMEMBER

12/19 -1/3	Winter Break After School Only	
12/23 - 12/26	McGinnis Woods Closed Merry Christmas	
1/2	McGinnis Woods Closed Happy New Year	
1/3	After School Only	
1/4	PreK-8 Welcome Back Classes Resume	
1/6	4th grade Field Trip to Fernbank	
1/10	3rd Science WIz	
1/13	5th-8th Virtual Field Trip	
1/16	MLK Day No Classes After School Only	
1/18	1 st and 2nd High Touch High Tech	
1/21	Open House	

McGinnis Woods Mission Statement

Our mission is to provide superior academics through hands-on approaches, which foster self confidence and self esteem that inspire a lifelong love of learning.

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A Message From Ms. Mary



One of my favorite songs proclaims, "It's the most wonderful time of the year" and it truly is. The excitement throughout the school is palpable and the halls and classrooms are filled with laughter and cheer. This season provides us with many opportunities to help our students develop skills and traits which extend well beyond the classroom and will serve them for a lifetime. Traits like JOY, COMPASSION and EMPATHY. The season has reminded us of how fortunate we are and how we can make a difference by sharing joy with others. Our middle school students made hundreds of sandwiches while

participating in thesandwichproject.org and our 1st graders created bears at Build-A-Bear Workshop and then donated them to children experiencing critical illness at the Children's Wish Foundation in Roswell. These are just some of the ways that our children are challenged to give back to our surrounding community.

This edition of the Buzz is filled with lots of information about the teaching and learning going on here at school both on and off campus. I hope it captures a quick glimpse into the impressive work that our teachers do each day. They make it all look so easy, but much thought and planning goes into their lessons including differentiation and individualized instruction as needed. Our enrichment teachers effectively reteach and support learners experiencing gaps and Ms. Francella supports children needing extra encouragement and strategizes to overcome anxiety and friendship issues. This team approach is why our students are flourishing and making strong progress academically and socially.

As we embark on our Winter Break, we wish each of you special moments to spend with family and friends, safe travels, and moments to reflect on our many blessings. We look forward to seeing your child back in school on Wednesday, January 4th renewed and ready to begin 2023 with enthusiasm and joy!

Happy Holidays,

Ms. Mary

Parent Association Update



Hello McGinnis Woods Wildcats!

Please enjoy the updates below and get in touch if you have any questions or feedback! We hope everyone has a fantastic winter break!

Wildcat Wear

We started the year with our Wildcat Wear sale and there was overwhelming interest. Thank you so much for your orders and support! We have enjoyed seeing all of the Wildcat Pride around the school! Don't forget that students can wear their spirit wear on the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month.

Our online store has countless styles and options to choose from. You can order Wildcat Wear anytime by visiting our online store: https://lstplace.sale/25896

5th Annual Wildcat Fund

The 5th Annual Wildcat Fund has wrapped up and we are so grateful for all the families that made a contribution. We exceeded our goal and raised a whopping \$39,400! We have already started making purchases and can't wait for you to see all of the things you made possible.

We also want to extend a very special thank you to John and Kay Guzowski for leading the effort with this year's Wildcat Fund. Organizing this fund is an enormous task and we couldn't be more grateful for their time and effort!

Holiday Shoppe

Our annual Holiday Shoppe is one of the most beloved events at McGinnis Woods. Students had the opportunity to shop for family, friends, teachers and pets for the holiday season. All gifts were wrapped and bagged right at the school so that everything remained a surprise!

We had so much fun seeing the joy as our students shopped for their love ones. A huge thank you to all of our volunteers for helping out and to Aimee Nobile for for leading this event. We appreciate all that you do!

Get In Touch

Are you interested in becoming a part of the PA Board? We'd love to hear from you! You can get in touch with the PA Board through our website at www.mcginniswoodspa.org or via email at pa@mcginniswoods.org







Preschool Corner



Year 2022 is coming to an end, and we have been having so much fun in Preschool! This year we have implemented a new curriculum called Frog Street. Frog Street was built on early brain research, intentionality, domain activities, and conscious discipline. Each of our little ones have learned so much through these hands-on learning activities.

Our Infant and Junior Toddler classes have been extra busy with our little ones. The babies have been working hard on sitting up, crawling, walking, and eating table foods in addition to our learning domains we focus on each day including language development, cognitive development, physical development, and social/

emotional development. We love watching

them learn and grow each day!

In our Toddler classrooms we are also building on those learning domains in addition to potty training, going on nature walks to collecting leaves and pinecones during our science center, and practicing fine/gross motor skills by dancing with scarves, lacing emotion faces, putting together our picture puzzles, and so much more.

We have some smart little cookies in our Threes classes. They have been extra busy practicing letters sounds, writing their names, and lis-

tening to stories during their literacy lessons. During their math lesson they write numbers,

practice counting, demonstrate position words, hunt for shapes around the room, and sort items by their attributes.

The children are also busy learning Spanish with Ms. Pilar, going to Library with Ms. Leah, having Art Class with Ms. Tanya, and Moving and Learning with Mr. Jarred! We have so many more exciting activities planned in the upcoming year so be on the look-

out in your child's backpacks!



McGinnis Woods Partners with Publix



Did you know that McGinnis Woods is part of the Publix Partners program? This is an easy way to help our school earn money through your weekly shopping trips. To enroll in the program, visit www.publix.com/partners, select our school and enter your phone number. Remember to enter your phone number each time you check out to help our school.

Wildcat Chat



The McGinnis Woods Sports teams have experience many successes so far this year. We still have 4 months of thrilling games and meets to go, yet we are off to a excellent start! We have concluded our Volleyball and Soccer seasons for the year and are currently in the midst of an outstanding Basketball season. During the Spring season, we will train in both Track and Field and Flag Football. Signups for these teams will be available in the new year.

The Soccer team put together a fantastic run into the playoffs this year. The team finished the year 2nd Overall in the MAAC Division 3 con-

ference and received our first trophy since 2019. As the conference runner ups, the team's legacy will be cemented on the banners hanging in the school's gymnasium, an honor that we hope to repeat for years to come. Coach Roger Gallivan said, "I am proud of every player on the soccer team for working hard all year and improving not only as a team, but as individuals in all facets of the game. Congratulations on a great season as M.A.A.C Championship semi finalists".

The McGinnis Woods Wildcats Volleyball team finished with an outstanding regular season record in which they recorded a 6 -1 record, which resulted in a 1st place seed in the playoffs. The coaches, Mrs. Kim Kershaw and Mrs. Carolyn Arnold inspired



the team and displayed outstanding leadership and mentorship for the players to follow. Even though the team did not win the championship, their season was super successful and one to be proud of. Every player grew as a team mate, an athlete, and an individual. The team had so much fun and at the end of the season they were begging for more games.

The basketball team is firing on all cylinders right now as they head into the winter break with a winning record despite playing some very tough competition. We have seen much team and individual growth to this point and cannot wait to see the team's finished product. Once we return from our break, we will compete during the rest of January to make a playoff push and hopefully add another trophy to our collection this year!





Go Wildcats!

Scholastic Book Fair Brings Many Smiles



Our Fall Scholastic Book Fair was one to remember! Ms. Leah did a great job setting up the fair and coordinating the class schedules and sales. We kicked off our annual event with sneak previews for every age and every reader.

Each classroom was able to visit the fair and make their wish lists to take home before the fair began. Our classroom teachers also created wish lists with hopes of receiving new selections for their class libraries. Some of the most requested titles this year were the ever popular Diary of a Wimpy Kid's Diaper Overload, Pigeon Will Ride the Roller Coaster!, and The Babysitters Club series.

Children of all ages including preschoolers and teachers had fun shopping at the fair. This year the book fair raised over \$5400.00. Thank you for making it the second highest sale in years! Your support was phenomenal and is sure to keep our students reading for a good long while. All funds raised from the book fair assisted with purchasing of books and other materials for our library and classrooms. With your generous purchases and donations, our classroom teachers and students were very happy!

1st Graders Learn About Native Americans



1st grade had a blast visiting Stone Mountain for their annual Native American Pow Wow Festival! After studying the Indigenous people's way of living, they were able to see it all in action. There was a plethora of demonstrations honoring the different tribes' cultures. This included many art, music, and dance performances. Being able to see Native Americans in their true regalia and dancing to live drums was a moment that the kids will remember forever.

One of the most popular activities was storytelling in a Native American tipi! The children were all huddled around the storyteller, intrigued by what folktale would be told next. There were many demonstrations of the primitive life skills that Natives needed to survive, as well as reenactments of what it was like to live in a hunting and gathering society that relied on trading. Not only did the students connect with the Native American lifestyle, but they also connected with nature.

The festival's Reptile Exhibition was a huge hit with the kids! They loved seeing all the different creatures that the Native Americans honored. After seeing the demonstrations, we were able to walk around and see all the craft booths full of amazing pottery, jewelry, and paintings done by local Indigenous people that you could buy to support the community! The children loved being immersed in the culture and seeing the history come to life. We loved the Stone Mountain Pow Wow!



Student Council Leads Food Drive



What a wonderful start to the school year we have had in Student Council. Our campaigning was awesome and filled with excitement! The officers for the 2022-2023 school year are Nuzhat Shaik (President), Arjit Kandalai (Vice President), Hudson Harper (Secretary), and Zuhayr Ali (Treasurer).

Once all the votes were casted and counted, the real work began! The first project up for this newly elected group was planning our annual Red Ribbon Week. This year's theme was "Celebrate Life Live Drug Free". We held various fun spirit-theme days which included a Wear Red Day-In solidarity we all pledge to stay drug free, Ball Cap/ Hat Day- As

we are all putting a lid on drugs, PJ day-As we followed our dreams, not drugs and Jersey day- teaming up against drugs! The week concluded with Halloween parties and costumes which showed and reminded us that drugs are scary. We played Red Ribbon Bingo and Officer Ferraro, from Forsyth County Police Department visited with some of our middle school students to talk about the effects drugs can have on our lives.

Student Council, alongside our entire school helped to organize a food drive for The Place. We constructed posters that were hung all around the school. Then we collected toilet paper, rice, flour, cereal, and other items to help restock their pantries for families in need. Thanks to our generous families we were able to collect so much food that the Place had to make two trips to deliver it to their warehouses! This project would not have been possible without the generous donations from our amazing McGinnis Woods Families. Thank You!

Stay tune.....Jr. Beta's first club meeting was held December 12th. We are planning some wonderful activities for the New Year.





Discovery Clubs



McGinnis Woods Discovery Clubs are 6-week long clubs that are offered 4 times a year. We are now in our third session of Discovery Clubs. This past session of clubs included Debate Club, Comedy and Cookie Club, Chess, Jr Cooking and Cooking, Jr. Robotics, Battle Bots, and Lab Rats. Clubs are a fantastic way for students to learn new skills or refine current skills while enjoying time with friends and teachers. Our next session of Discovery Clubs starts the week of January 9th and ends the week of February 13th. Please check your email for the Discovery Club Registration Form. Below are the descriptions of clubs that are being offered in Session 3.

LAB RATS CLUB Grades PreK - Grade 4 with Ms. Liz

Back by popular demand! Come be a mad scientist with Ms. Liz! Students will be guided through the scientific process as they get to be a real scientist by completing fun and exciting wintery experiments such as making fake snow!

CRAFT CLUB Grades PreK - Grade 4 with Ms. Abby

Join Ms. Abby for fun crafts each week including fridge magnets, frames, flowerpots, and more! Crafting is great for motor skills, math concepts, creativity, and spending time with FRIENDS AND MS. ABBY!

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE Kindergarten - Grade 4 with Ms. Francella

Our School Counselor, will help our children develop healthier friendships all while having fun! There will be chit chat, game play, and story time! We will have a mini party for our final session. I would love to see your child there!

FOOTBALL CLUB Kindergarten - Grade 4 Football with Mr. Josh

Get ready for high-flying action...Football Club is BACK! Whether You are a rookie or a pro, you will learn how to improve every aspect of your football skills. We will be focusing on passing, catching, and team-building skills. There will be fun challenges along the way and a two-hand touch SUPER BOWL at the end!

DEBATE CLUB Grades 5 - 8 with Ms. Jaime

Join Ms. Jaime for Debate Club! This quarter we will be learning the basics of debate and having several mock debates against other members of our club. Students will be assigned topics (or choose from a given list) that they will research and prepare for debate. We will devote club time to some research, as well as actual debates.

BATTLE BOTS + ROBOTIC FUN Grades 3 - 8 with Ms. Wendy

Join Ms. Wendy for Battle Bots! This club includes students researching, problem-solving, coding, and engineering; building and programming a LEGO robot that navigates the missions of a robot game.

JR COOKING, Pre-K 4 & 5 or COOKING, K - Grade 4 with Ms. Valorie

Join the fun with Ms. Valorie! We will experiment with different varieties of foods, textures, and colors, with easy and yummy recipes that can also be made at home. We bake cookies, brownies, rice crispy treats, and more!

JR ROBOTICS Pre-K - Grade 2 with Ms. Wendy

Join JR Robotics with Ms. Wendy! A fun club where students enjoy using their creative minds to research, design, and build unique structures with Lego kits.

CHESS CLUB Grades 1 - 8 with Ms. Amy

Join Ms. Amy for Chess! Students are welcome to learn the game and/or improve their Chess skills with Ms. Amy. The club meets once a week for friendly play and discussion of strategies and tactics.

If you have any questions about Discovery Clubs, please contact Jennifer Ellis at jellis@mcginniswoods.org.



Science Olympiad Team Learns to Problem Solve



The McGinnis Woods Science Olympiad Team has been busily practicing every Wednesday afterschool to prepare for the ESO Regional Competition that will be held in the spring of 2023. This all day event will be a fun challenge for our amazing team of 10 students in grades third through fifth The team members work each week with our amazing coaches, Ms. Veena and Ms. Wendy, on studying different topics such as weather, diseases, astronomy and more! The team also works to complete STEM challenges each week. Some of the STEM challenges that the students will have to complete at Regionals are barge building, bridge building, egg drop, paper rockers, water rockets and

more.

This year our team is comprised of third, fourth and fifth graders. Third grade team members are Luke Espinel, Anishka Potharaju, and Leul Takele. Fourth grade team members are Jaivik Divvela, Aarya Jayshwal, Noam Kayakov, Chetana Polineni, Ryan Skala and Alicia Wester and the only fifth grader on the team is Zuhayr Ali.





And the Word of the Month is....



The Word of the Month for December is joy. Our students have learned that *joy is finding a way to be happy, even if things don't go your way.* The students learned the importance of joy throughout the month during morning announcements and in their classes. Teachers identified exceptional students who have shown this trait throughout the month. One exceptional student from each kindergarten through 8th grade class who worked hard to master this character trait was chosen as the Citizen of the Month and had a special lunch at school with their parents. Our Citizens of the month December are Kari Pollyniak, Sheerah Shechter, Megan Grant, Niam Patel, Jacob Abramson, Maya Shechter, Avery Cohen, Leo Royston, Jackson Anderson, Allie Detsch, and Arjit Kandalai.

Prek Team Inspires Our 4 and 5 Year Olds

Who has patience galore, enjoys answering endless questions, and loves teaching four and five year olds? Our fabulous Pre-K 4 & 5 teachers! We are fortunate to have six amazing PreK 4 and 5 teachers here at McGinnis Woods. These teachers bring our hands-on, minds-on curriculum to life each day and help each of our PreK children and flourish and blossom. The transformation is remarkable!

Ms. Savannah and Ms. Valorie are both teachers in PreK-4A. Ms. Savannah was born and raised in Georgia. She and her husband have been in Alpharetta for the last 12 years. She has 3 daughters, Kinley (4th Grade), Sissy (2nd Grade), and Kari (Kindergarten) attending McGinnis Woods. They also have 3 sweet dogs and 3 Guinea Pigs. Ms. Valorie is from Woodstock, Georgia. She has three children including Ms. Amy, Chris, and Zachary and three grandchildren; Kylus, Landon, and Atlas. This is Ms. Valorie's thirteenth year at McGinnis Woods.

Ms. Natascha and Ms. Katy are both teachers in PreK-4B. Ms. Natascha was born and raised in Germany where she met her husband while he was serving in the US military. She has been married for 31 years and has two boys Daniel (23) and Benjamin (16). This school year marks her 16th year as a preschool teacher and 2nd year at McGinnis Woods. Ms. Katy is an Atlanta native and recently graduated from Agnes Scott College with a degree in Psychology. This is Ms. Katy's 1st year at McGinnis Woods.

Ms. Abby and Ms. Kelly are both teachers in PreK-5. Ms. Abby is a Georgia Native and grew up in East Cobb. She has been married 7 years and has 3 crazy Dalmatians at home named Kona, Picasso, and Oliver. She has been with McGinnis Woods for 8 years and was honored with Teacher of Year in 2020. This is her 4th year as a lead and 1st year in PreK-5! Ms. Kelly was born and raised in Indianapolis, Indiana and recently moved to Georgia in August 2022. She has a sister named Kim and three children; De'Marcus (25), Danielle (35), and DeAnna (31). This is her first year at McGinnis Woods.

Our PreK Team makes each day fun for our students while they learn letters, sounds, math skills and all about our amazing world.



Ms. Caitlan Makes Learning Spanish Fun!

Ms. Caitlan grew up in Georgia and has been learning Spanish since she was in the 6th grade—when she finally attended a school that offered it! It was love at first sight (sound). She quickly became interested in not just the Spanish language, but also Spanish music and Latino (and Hispanic) culture! Ms. Caitlan continued learning Spanish through high school and college and added on some French as well! During her time in college, she participated in her school's Spanish chorus and became a member of Sigma Delta Pi (the National Collegiate Hispanic Honor Society). She completed her Bachelor of Arts in Spanish and her teaching certification at the University of North Georgia in Dahlonega.

In addition to loving Spanish, Ms. Caitlan also loves music and has been a musician, specifically a percussionist, since her parents got her a drum set for Christmas when she was 10. She began her experience in education by helping high school percussionists over the summer during band camp. Before graduating college, Ms. Caitlan taught percussionists at four different high schools, tutored Spanish and French at her college and volunteered at the elementary school where her mother taught.

Prior to teaching at McGinnis Woods, Ms. Caitlan taught high school Spanish for one year and middle school Spanish for the next four years. She is so excited to get to teach a wider range of students and continue incorporating her love of music into her teaching!

In her free time, Ms. Caitlan's favorite thing to do is spend time with her niece and nephew, who are obsessed with her dog (Minnie) and cat (Noodle). If she is not doing that, she is usually spending time with friends, reading, or listening to Spanish music and/or podcasts.

Mr. Jarred Inspires a Love of Music!



McGinnis Woods is very pleased to have Mr. Jarred join the team as our new Music instructor. Mr. Jarred was born in Jasper, Alabama and he got his musical start at the age of 4 years old when he sang a solo at church. Ever since that day, music has been his passion. He was a vital member of the school chorus both in middle school and in high school. He was selected to the Alabama All-State Chorus during his senior year of high school.

After spending a year at Auburn University on a Pre-Med scholarship, Mr. Jarred decided to to transfer schools so that he could further his music and performance career. He chose Huntington College in Montgomery, Alabama, where he would go on to become the premier singer for the school, being recognized by the college's President. He performed with the

Huntingdon Trio at over 50 official events, as well with the Huntingdon College Choir and Huntingdon Harmony. He received the Lela Niles Music Award his senior year of college, which is awarded to the school's most profound music major.

After graduating college in 2016 Mr. Jarred began his teaching career right away and has been teaching music in the public and private school ever since. He has performed in opera productions with the Pensacola Opera, The Italian Cultural Society of Pensacola as well as others. He has also performed as a solo artist at over 100 different shows in 20 different states.

McGinnis Woods is grateful and thankful to have Mr. Billups share his expertise with our excellent students.

Middle School Technology Fair Wows!



Our Middle School students recently completed their annual Technology Fair project, and we were so impressed with the variety and quality of projects. The Technology Fair is a wonderful opportunity for students to explore, innovate and create within one of seven categories.

In addition to demonstrating their project for a panel of judges, the students also prepared presentations to summarize resources used, obstacles overcome and lessons learned. This year, we saw projects that ranged from creating their own video games, to stop animation and robots that can throw balls and sort trash. We were so impressed!

A complete list of our winners from each category is below. Those students that placed 1st, 2nd or Honorable Mention will have the opportunity to represent McGinnis Woods at the Forsyth County Technology Fair in January and possibly advance to the state competition in 2023. Congratulations to our winners!

Animation:

Honorable Mention- Aashna Patel 2nd Place - Jackson Anderson 1st Place- Hudson Harper

Digital Game Design:

Honorable Mention- Mayson Kim 2nd Place- Martin Sanabria 1st Place- Zuhayr Ali

Digital Photo Production:

Honorable Mention- Peyton Brown 2nd Place- Joey Musolino 1st Place- Yael Veneziano

Graphic Design:

Honorable Mention- Will Dominick 2nd Place- Sophia Stambolsky 1st Place- Aaron Dols

Internet Applications:

Honorable Mention- Rushil Tatipaka 2nd Place- Shravan Sriram 1st Place- Evan Jones

Robotics:

Honorable Mention- Hunter Nobile 2nd Place- Drew Sheinkopf 1st Place- Arjit Kandalai

Video Production:

Honorable Mention- Nuzhat Shaik 2nd Place- Sydney Musembi 1st Place- Liam Jacobs



Project Showcase is a Time of Learning for All



Each November at McGinnis Woods the children in 1-4th grades take part in Project Showcase. This is a favorite learning tradition at McGinnis Woods. During Project Showcase each child chooses a topic which they would like to learn more about and then they use a rubric to guide them as they research and explore the topic, prepare a presentation board, and finally present it to their classmates. The topics are quite unique and often include famous people, places and topics of personal interest. This year the boards were especially interesting and were packed with interesting facts and beautiful illustrations and artwork. This type of project based learning may be challenging in the moment but it creates memories which will last a lifetime!







Thanksgiving Feasts Were A Special Time of Celebration



The McGinnis Woods Feasts and Service and Sweets celebrations were back in person after two years of virtual celebrations. Families, students and teachers were thrilled to be back together to share a delicious thanksgiving meal and enjoy musical performances, plays and poetry together. The events were held over four days in November. The students were very excited to perform on the stage and had a great time preparing placemats and art to decorate the tables and kick off the holiday season. Thanks for joining us for the events and for bringing a dish to share with other families and friends. Community is one of the many things that make McGinnis Woods extra special!





Wildbots Shine at the FLL Robotics Competition



The McGinnis Woods Robotics Team has been meeting since August in preparation of the annual robotics competition which took place this past weekend. The competition was held by FLL (First LEGO League) and is an international event.

Our team of 10 students initially met weekly and we added more practices as the competition got closer. The students used the LEGO Spike Prime kits and the LEGO Spike Prime App to build and code the robots they made. Our school purchased all new kits for our team this summer as the old kits were being discontinued, so our students had a big learning curve with learning the new kits and app. Ms. Wendy and Ms. Veena were

the team's fearless coaches.

The team also had help this season from two different groups of high school students. Their help, especially with the coding, was invaluable to our students. Several of the high school students also came out to support our team on Saturday, December 10th, at Chamblee Charter High School, where our team competed. Our team placed 10th overall in the Robot Runs and very well in the Core Values and Robot Design components of the competition where we gave presentations for a panel of judges. The last component we presented to the judges was about our Innovation Project. Although we worked hard on this component, the judges wanted more details. The feedback we received from the judges will help us improve.

We were so proud of the students' hard work this year. We really appreciate all of their parents for their help, encouragement, and transportation this season, too. Go Wildbots!







Middle Schoolers and The Sandwich Project



What do 52 students do with 30 loaves of bread, 960 slices of cheese and 1,920 slices of turkey breast and 3 boxes of Ziplock bags? Why, make sandwiches of course! They made 388 sandwiches for The Sandwich Project! On Tuesday, December 13, the middle school students dedicated time to serve those who are hungry in the area surrounding the school. The students created assembly lines to make sandwiches and learned all about creating and packaging appetizing sandwiches which could pass the inspection of quality control.

The Sandwich Project began in 2020 when a group of friends began making sandwiches for those living with food insecurity who were further affected by the pandemic. As people learned about the project, more and more people wanted to help care for others. Soon the group was making thousands of sandwiches a week. The sandwiches were then delivered to non-profit organizations who distributed them in the community. The project has grown since then and continues its simple mission of volunteers donating sandwiches through families, neighbors, colleagues, schools, clubs, youth groups, scout troops, sports teams, and company philanthropy. Please visit thesandwichproject.org to learn more.





Band and Chorus Concerts Celebrate the Season



Here at McGinnis Woods we always love to showcase our students' many talents. Our music program presented a band concert on Monday, December 12TH, and a choir concert on Wednesday, December 14th, both filled with beautiful, traditional and holiday classics. Their performances helped our McGinnis Woods families get into the holiday spirit.

The Band Concert included several songs played by both our 4th grade band and our 5th-8th grade band. Each group played traditional classics that included Good

King Wenceslas as well as Dreydl, Dreydl. Both bands combined at the end of the program to present Jingle Bells as the finale. Each student played with great poise and musicianship and Mr. Jarred is extremely proud of their hard work and dedication to their craft.

The Choir Concert, performed by both our 4th grade and 5th-8th grade choirs, was also festive. The 4th graders opened the program by warming our hearts to Think Snow!, and making us move with Feliz Navidad. The 5th-

8th graders sang Christmas Time Is Here from the popular Charlie Brown Christmas special as well as a few other classics.

The sounds of the season were definitely in the air. We thank you all for attending and we thank you for your continued support of our music program.



Pictures from Around the School























