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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL
Wishes for the Holiday Season

As the holiday season is upon us, we find ourselves reflecting on the past year. We truly value our partnership with you, our parent community, and look forward to working with you in the year to come. May the closeness of friends, the comforts of home, and the unity of our nation, renew your spirits this holiday season. Here's to a joyful present and a well-remembered past. Best wishes for Happy Holidays and a magnificent New Year!

May the season bring only happiness and joy to you and your loved ones.

Ms. Littell ☺

Special Areas Update - Music

Sunquam's Music Department wishes to send a sincere congratulations to all orchestra, band, and chorus students on a great performance this past Tuesday! We wish to say "thank you" to all of the parents for their continued support of our programs! We feel the students displayed wonderful enthusiasm and musicianship! It was a terrific evening!

 **SCHOOL WEEKLY EVENTS & FIELD TRIPS** 

December 1 – 3-M – Discovery Center
– First Marking Period Ends

December 4 – 3-P/H – Discovery Center
– 5-F & 5-S – Caleb Smith
– Night of Code – 7:00 p.m. - WHMS

December 5 – Photo Re-take Day
– 3-H Discovery Center
– Winter Concert – 7:30 p.m. – WHMS

December 6 – 3-D –Discovery Center
– PTA Meeting – 9:30 a.m. – Cafeteria
– Arts in Ed – Native American – Grade 4

December 8 – K-T - Library

December 11 – 5-Co & 5-Ca – Caleb Smith

December 12 – 3-I – Melville Library
– 5-Co - Planetarium

December 13 – 5-F & 5-Ca – Planetarium
– Elementary Report Cards Available Online – 4:00 p.m.

December 14 – Holiday Boutique (during lunches)
– 1st Grade Winter Celebration (all parents)
– 3rd Grade Winter Celebration (4 parents)
– Kindergarten Winter Celebration (all parents)

December 15 – 5-L - Planetarium
– Super Hero Day
– Holiday Boutique (during lunches)

December 18 – 5-S - Planetarium

December 19 – 5-Fe - Planetarium
– K-G - Melville Library

December 21 – 1-K - Melville Library
– 2nd Grade Winter Celebration (4 parents)

December 22 – 4th Grade Winter Celebration (4 parents)
– 5th Grade Winter Celebration (4 parents)

December 25-January 2 – Recess – School Closed

PTA WEEKLY NEWS

It's that special time of the year again and the spirit of the holidays is spreading throughout the hallways of Sunquam Elementary School as the PTA Holiday Boutique draws near. Children will have the opportunity to shop for family and friends during their lunch periods on December 14th and 15th. If you would like to volunteer at this event, please contact Jamie Zipper at jamiezipper@gmail.com. We wish you a Happy Holiday Season!

THOUGHTS FOR PARENTS

Holiday Time = Quality Time

From children's perspective, quality time includes direct and undivided attention of their parents. School holidays offer opportunities for more family time and for the parents to improve positive communication and relationship with their children. Many parents, thinking about planning activities and fun for their children, may feel the approach of holidays is stressful. Here are some simple ideas for family activities during school holidays:

- Organize the 'Olympics' for your family and friends. Let the children decide which disciplines will be included and let them make the medals. Hold the medal ceremony and proclaim the medalists.
- Visit the airport and watch the airplanes taking off and landing.
- Make your family coat of arms.
- Make and decorate some new and unusual cookies.
- Read about activities and events during school holidays in the local newspapers.

WEB SITE OF THE WEEK

<http://www.familylife.com/articles/topics/parenting/essentials/making-memories/10-ideas-creating-quality-time-with-your-kids>

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Time goes by so fast, people go in and out of your life. You must never miss the opportunity to tell these people how much they mean to you."
~Anon