Elementary School Board Report

• <u>Holiday Concerts</u> were an incredible success. Special thanks to Kristi and Chris for all the hard work that went into preparing for the program and making for such a beautiful presence in our building.





• Students headed off to Christmas break with <u>crazy socks</u> day the last day of the school year. Following the Christmas program a day of fun brings students together in a way that continues to build community among our school.

• <u>Secret Santa</u> – This year in the elementary, many teachers participated in Secret Santa where great fun was had choosing and delivering gifts to surprise our recipient. Some staff were pretty creative in how they went about , preventing the recipient from knowing who the giver was. One person delivered all the gifts herself announcing she was delivering them for a Secret Santa. Another pretended they were a staff member known for writing short rhyming poems when communicating with staff then had a student working with this person deliver the gift and announce the gift was from him. HA! Such great fun trying to figure out who your Santa is and thinking of ways to surprise your recipient. We ended this celebration with a potluck breakfast with enough food to serve well through lunch where everyone guessed who their Secret Santa was. Lots of laughs, warm hugs and wonderful words of thanks helped to grow relationships among elementary staff.

• Students returned to school ready to learn. Many classrooms wrote new goals for this spring in the form of New Year's Resolutions. By writing goals, creating plans of action to reach these, and scheduling times to reflect upon these throughout the quarter, student's commitment to continual improvement increases tremendously.