



January 8, 2010

Dear Parents and/or Guardians:

New Year Greetings from Porters Point School's Music Department! Our school will be having our annual musical performances on **Tuesday, February 9 and Wednesday, February 10, 2010, at 6:30 pm.** Please mark your calendars now! We are very fortunate to be able to hold these performances at **Colchester High School** in the **Theater.** Because of the population size of our school, there will be two performances so that half the school can perform on Tuesday night and the other half of the school can perform on Wednesday night. The schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, February 9, 2010

Mrs. Belaski's Kindergarten
Mr. Allbee's Kindergarten
Ms. Silverberg's First Grade
Ms. O'Neill's First Grade
Mrs. Cummings' Second Grade
Mrs. Hooper's Second Grade

Wednesday, February 10, 2010

Mrs. Trombley's Kindergarten
Miss Purinton's Kindergarten
Mrs. Plunkett's First Grade
Mr. Shepherd First Grade
Mrs. Benjamin's Second Grade
Mrs. Bissonnette's Second Grade

If you have more than one child attending our school, they may not be scheduled to perform on the same night. If this presents a problem for you, advance arrangements can be made to have one child join another class so that both your children perform the same night. Please let me know as soon as possible if arrangements need to be made. If I do not hear from you by January 15, I will assume there is no problem.

The musical is called **Follow the North Star Home**, music by Alice Olsen, story & lyrics by Elizabeth Peach. There are speaking parts and instrumental parts that will be offered to First and Second Graders featuring our Orff instrumentarium. Once these parts are assigned, we really need to depend on students to be able to attend the performance. There will need to be two and possibly three after-school rehearsals for these parts. More information will follow. Students who do not have speaking or instrument parts will be part of the chorus, including Kindergarten students, which is an essential part of the musical. Everyone is important in a musical!

First and Second Grade students will be asked to show their interest in the various parts through a sign-up process during their music class, and this is strictly voluntary. Please encourage your child to express interest if you know they will be available for the performances and believe that they will benefit from a speaking or instrumental part. Please also assure them that it is okay if they choose not to show interest in the extra parts. This is a whole school performing activity, so it is expected that **all** students will participate in any way in which they are able.

If you have any questions about the musical or our music program, in general, I am happy to speak with you. Please be aware that I am only at Porters Point School on Wednesday afternoons, and all day on Thursdays and Fridays. Please e-mail me (mutzm@csdvt.org), or send a note to school. This is preferred rather than leaving a voice mail message. I will respond to e-mail as quickly as possible.

There will be frequent notes from the Music Department right up until the February performances to keep you informed, and the information will also be posted on the PPS website (www.csdvt.org/PPS). I look forward to this performance and hope it will be a positive musical experience for PPS children.

Sincerely,

Martie Mutz
Music Educator

Theme Song: **“Follow the North Star Home”**

**Just look to the sky,
Way up on high,
You’ll find a star there to guide you.
With hope in your heart,
Make a new start,
You have your friends here beside you.
It’s dark and dreary
And you are weary,
You’ve had a long way to roam.
So look to the star,
Wherever you are,
And follow the North Star home.**