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To: GFPS Elementary Families
From: Dusty Molyneaux, Music and Art Supervisor and GFPS Elementary Principals

Dear Elementary students and families,

The 2021 Holiday season is rapidly approaching, and we have good news for you—we plan on having live public Holiday Programs in our Elementary buildings. Students and Music Teachers have been working hard in their classrooms to prepare a wide variety of new selections and treasured favorites for you. Having a live audience creates some unique scenarios for our Elementary buildings, and we want to keep everyone as safe as possible for our parents, staff and students. Here is what we need from our families to make these concerts successful:

- Please don't come to the concert if you are not feeling well. Stay home and get well!
- Four guests per student maximum due to the size of our spaces and needing to create social distance.
- Please wear a mask to enter the school and keep it on during the performance.
- Please exit the school as soon as the program is done so we can prepare the space for the next group.
- If you have multiple children with different program times, you will need to exit and re-enter the performance space.

Each school will have their own performance day and times to fit the individual needs of the building, and these performances will also be recorded and then streamed for families to watch at the end of the day. This is a perfect option for family members that may have health risks and cannot attend a live performance, and for out of town folks to watch as well. The streaming links will be posted on the GFPS Fine Arts webpage at the end of the performance day for you to access and enjoy. The links will be active for 24 hours once posted, and then the link will be taken down. This is to comply with all copyright and licensing issues for the music that will be performed. Go to gfps.k12.mt.us in your internet browser, select Departments/Fine Arts and the links will be visible on the overview page.

Since these performances will be short (15 minutes max) students will have the choice to sing without masks once they get placed on the risers. They will wear masks getting into place and coming off the risers. If a family does not want their child to participate in the program, please notify your school's principal.

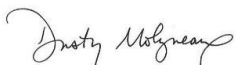
We appreciate your understanding and patience as we navigate these difficult times and scenarios so we can all be safe and keep our schools and programs moving forward.

Here is the schedule for the entire District. Specific times will be announced soon!

Chief Joseph: Grades k-3 Dec. 14, Grades 4-6: Dec. 17
Giant Springs: Grades 4-6 Dec. 10, Grades k-3 Dec. 13
Lewis and Clark: Grades 5-6 Dec. 15, Grades k-4 Dec. 16
Lincoln: Grades k-4 Dec 1, Grades 5-6 Dec 2
Longfellow: Grades k-6 Dec. 9
Loy: Grades k-6 Dec.20, Rooms 18 and 19 Dec. 21
Meadow Lark: Grades k-6 Dec. 16
Morningside: Grades k-6 Dec. 21

Mountain View: Grades k-6 Dec. 16
Riverview: Grades k-3 Dec. 13, Grades 4-6 Dec. 14
Sacajawea: Grades 5-6 Dec. 15, Grades k-4 Dec. 16
Sunnyside: Grades k-6 Dec. 13
Valley View: Grades k-6 Dec. 20
West: Grades k-6 Dec. 21
Whittier: Grades k-6 Dec. 17

Happy Holidays to you all!



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