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## Recently at Millside!

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

- December 20- Pancake Flipper!!! Dinner for the family. 5-8pm at Algonquin.
- December 20-21- Christmas Holiday Bazaar Shopping
- December 24-January 4- Holiday Break
- January 7- First day back
- January 18- Popcorn Day (\$.50)
- January 24 & 25- Half Day Dismissal at 12:10 p.m.
- February 1- Report Cards go Home



Left: Mrs. Todino's class celebrates Grinch Day!  
 Below: Students singing during the holiday concert.



A Heartfelt Thank You to all the parents and grandparents that worked school events and donated throughout this festive season. It is truly appreciated and helps make the season fun!



## Winter Weather

Students go out for recess everyday, unless the temperature is below ten degrees including wind-chill. Students need to wear hats, gloves, boots, scarves and coats everyday to keep warm and dry at recess. Please send your child dressed appropriately for the weather conditions.



The next PTO meeting will be on Wednesday, January 9 at 6:00 pm in the Algonquin library. Please join us! Daycare is provided for school-aged children.

## Ensure your child continues to learn over the school holiday

Your child looks at the calendar and imagines the joy of having no schedule for the whole winter school holiday. You look at the same blank squares on your calendar and have a mild moment of panic.

However, the winter break can give you a chance to spend a little extra time with your child. Here are some activities that will keep her learning-and that will keep you from hearing, "I'm bored" during the holiday:

**Assemble a list from your local newspaper of places to go and things to do.** Every community has places that will interest kids. Check out a local museum (see if they have a day when admission is free). Look for free concerts you can attend. See if the local public library has any special story hours or performances.

**Get outside.** Be sure you schedule some time every day to be outdoors. Walk, bike, skate, ski-but get outside!

**Look for a video based on a children's book.** Read the book first and then watch the video. Discuss how the two were alike, and what differences you saw.

**Prepare food together.** Nearly every culture has some special foods associated with the holiday season. With your child, prepare foods you remember from your childhood, share your memories, or do some research and prepare a dish you've never tried.

**Volunteer.** Set aside time for a family volunteer activity. Feed animals at the animal shelter. Donate to your local food pantry or help stock the shelves. Your child will learn the best gift is the gift of service.

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### LOW COST INTERNET SERVICES - FOR STUDENTS ON FREE/REDUCED LUNCH

As our school district continues to move more and more to electronic communication and "anytime, anywhere" learning opportunities, it will be vital to have our students able to access the Internet from home. Cable giant Comcast has assisted us in getting more homes connected. Comcast will provide low-cost Internet service to families of students who receive free lunch at school. Through the Internet Essentials program, qualified families in all communities where Comcast is available can receive Internet service for just \$9.95 per month, with no activation fees or future price hikes. Families can also receive a voucher to purchase a Laptop/Desktop computer for \$149.99 and receive training either in person or online.

**How to qualify:** - have at least one child receiving free school lunches - may not have subscribed to Comcast Internet service within last 90 days. - cannot have an overdue Comcast bill

**How to apply:** - Call 1-855-846-8376 or go to [www.internetessentials.com](http://www.internetessentials.com) to request an application. - Comcast will mail families an application. Complete and return it, along with lunch program letter of eligibility that you would have received earlier in the year if you qualified for free/reduced lunch.



Emma Cote, Lillian Licari, Charlotte Arpan and Landon Bochy are ready for the Thanksgiving Parade!



Students in Mrs. Humes class are enjoying the water table during center time!



Kindergartener, Braeden Higgins works on a project with his 5th grade buddy.