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Dear McAlister Families,

We look forward to celebrating this holiday season with our annual Winter Concert on Wednesday, December 21, 2016 (snow date of Thursday, December 22). We recently reviewed the day-long concert schedule that we have followed over the past several years and reflected on how we could improve it. Our goals in improving our concert schedule focused on preserving meaningful classroom instruction, providing our students with a bit more room as they perform (so they don't overheat and so all our visitors can see their special McAlister student!), and maintaining the safety of our students in the midst of hundreds of visitors.

While looking at a possible change in the concert schedule, we were also committed to maintaining many concert aspects as well--the individual student instrument performances as a warmup to the concert, the Fifth Grade Band performance, the wonderful lineup of both traditional and progressive holiday songs and Winter songs, and of course, the end of concert audience sing-a-long. In light of all these considerations, we worked to thoughtfully schedule each classroom into either a morning or afternoon concert, according to the following schedule:

9:00 a.m. Morning Concert

- Individual Student Performance (for students who take instrument lessons outside of school) start at 8: 35
- Entire Grade Five Band Performs starting at 9:00 a.m.
- Grade 3 Classes -- Mrs. Moriarty, Mrs. Consolini, and Mrs. Cronin
- Grade 4 Classes -- Mrs. Levinskas, Mrs. Neskie, Mrs. Lira, and Mrs. Motter
- Grade 5 Classes -- Mr. Fontaine, Mr. Rapuano, Mrs. Meyer, and Mrs. Larson

2:00 p.m. Afternoon Concert

- Individual Student Performance (for students who take instrument lessons outside of school) start at 1:30
- Entire Grade Five Band Performs starting at 2:00 p.m.
- Grade 3 Classes -- Mrs. Barron, Mrs. Halzack, Mr. Sullivan, and Mrs. Fortunato
- Grade 4 Classes -- Mrs. Pitocco, Ms. Compton, Ms Mitchell, and Ms. Stearns
- Grade 5 Classes -- Mrs. Fortin, Mrs. Bennett, Ms. Collins, and Mrs. Forrest

Please consult the above schedule in order to attend the concert in which your child is performing. As always, we encourage our students to dress up for this special event and will provide the audience with plenty of time to take pictures! Additionally, on concert day, we are having all guests park in the side parking lot, and enter the school through the back gym vestibule--where they can sign in and then go directly into the gym for the concert. We look forward to seeing our families at this special event, and know that it will be a memorable time for all!

Sincerely,

Karen E. Carpenter-Snow