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MAPLETON MONTESSORI SCHOOL

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SHORT & SWEET!

Dec 13, Wed, 5:30 – 6: Singalong with Amy Haywood followed by refreshments made by the children.

Dec 25 – Jan 5: Winter Break.

Jan 8: Teacher in-service. Students return January 9.

Jan 15: Martin Luther King Day – MMS closed.

SHARE-A-GIFT

Share-a-Gift Toy Drive: Nov 27-Dec 13 Our Share-a-Gift box is by the gate; we'll collect new and gently used toys for families in BVSD that need a little extra support during the holiday season. Young children have big hearts and are frequently very generous, even with their own toys! That said, our food and coat drives were not as successful as in past years. We realize families may have different favorite causes. In the past the children have held bake sales for the Greenwood Wildlife Rehabilitation Center and the Birds of Prey Foundation. Sometimes animal causes are more easily understood by young children who can't comprehend why a family might not have food, coats or a toy (and who might worry that that could that happen to them). Let us know your thoughts on our various drives. We appreciate your input!

WARM CLOTHING

Please make sure you label every mitten, boot, jacket, hat and pair of snow pants, etc.. We can't stress this enough. Also, please have waterproof MITTENS for your child – gloves are very tricky and most children cannot put them on. With 50 children, that's 100 little hands – MITTENS please!

Inside shoes are still optional but the staff is seeing that they are helpful to prevent wet feet, slips, and cold feet during a fire drill, although we try to do those only on nice days! Inside shoes should be small and light, not big, fluffy and distracting! Think ballet slipper or moccasins.

Also, layers are good, as are extra sets of back-up mittens and socks in back packs for super snowy or wet days.

RSVP for SINGALONG by Dec 11

Our singalong with Amy was so fun we're doing it again! When? **Wed, Dec 13th at 5:30.** Will you join us? RSVP by Monday Dec 11 so we'll know if we have room for siblings. After the singalong we'll have some light, child-made snacks – yum! Please RSVP by Monday, Dec 11th.

REMINDER for TAX SEASON: our FEIN 84-0797756

Each tuition slip says: "Keep slip for taxes. We don't do year-end totals." An email search for "tuition slip" should pull up everything you need. Thanks for understanding!

THANKSGIVING FEAST

A beautiful blue-sky day was the setting for our annual Thanksgiving Feast! The children had made apple crisp, kale chips, muffins and a squash dish that were shared by all. When Linda's class discussed what they're grateful for, the overwhelming response was MMS and their friends here!



During a creative movement session in Angelarose's class, the children made different shapes with their bodies & stretchy bands.

CLASS NEWS

Angelarose's Class: This month our special unit of study will be Transportation. We will also celebrate a few holidays of the month by doing some crafts and cooking/baking. If there is anything that you would like to share, please get in touch.

Linda's Class: In December Linda's class will continue studying North America. We'll examine animals in winter, explore biomes, landmarks, and holidays & traditions throughout the continent. Let us know if you have anything you'd like to share with us on these topics!