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Warm, holiday greetings, Parents/Guardians of Tecumseh Students!

We are just around the corner from our Winter Break. We hope you will have a safe and restful holiday to recharge before taking on the New Year! A few reminders:

Winter Concert

Many classes continue to work hard at rehearsing for our Winter Concert! As I walk down the hallways, I can hear instruments playing and beautiful voices singing in unison. Next week, the show will be performed twice as follows:

- **For the students:** Wednesday, December 18th at 1:15 pm in the Gymnasium. Since the show is performed by our students, this is their chance to see the whole show. The gym will be full with our students. There will be a limited number of seats at the back for parents/guardians at this show.
- **For the Parents/Guardians:** Thursday, December 19th at 9:15 am in the Gymnasium. All seats available will be for Parents/Guardians. Student performers will stage outside of the Gym and will enter to perform their number and then exit back to their classes. We hope you are able to come and join us as we celebrate the talented kids at our school!

We are so fortunate to have a vibrant music program at our school with many talented teachers, who also happen to be accomplished musicians in their own right! Lucky us!

Lost and Found

Please check the Lost and Found for your child's items. The Lost and Found is located at the bottom of the stairs in front of the Main Office. All items will be packed and donated before we head into Winter Break on December 20th.

Caroling in the Main Hallway

Once again, Ms. Prior will be showcasing her piano talents in the Main Hallway (in front of the Main Office) on Friday, December 20th from 8:30 am. She'll be playing some holiday favorites. All are welcome to join and sing!

Some thoughts about the holiday season

As I think about my own experiences as a kid with the holiday season, I realize now that the things I remember most were **experiences** over the **things** I received.

I remember curling up and watching holiday movies with my parents (and fighting over who was hogging all the blankets—it was me), staying up late, getting the opportunity to go to McDonald's for a hot chocolate, playing with friends while my parents played mah-jong with their parents into the night (and fighting to stay awake long enough so we could play some more), hanging out with cousins, baking with my mom (who was not a baker) and ending up making drink coasters rather than cookies, and so many more. The time I had with family and friends is what sits with me now as an adult, not so much the "stuff" I received.

It is a stressful and busy time of year, but as I reflect upon my own experience, I can see that as much as my parents stressed about finding me the perfect toy or book, or... It was my time with them and the experiences that truly meant the most.

We wish you the most wonderful Winter Break and hope that you will have many opportunities to create memories with your kids. To laugh and love and really enjoy your time together.

We look forward to seeing you after the break, on January 6, 2020!

Sincerely,

Mr. V. Edwards
Principal