



Highlands Happenings

Week of December 10th

"Thankfulness is the beginning of gratitude. Gratitude is the completion of thankfulness. Thankfulness may consist merely of words. Gratitude is shown in acts." —Henri Frederic Amiel

Upcoming Dates

- **December 12th** - Grades 4 & 5 Winter Concert @ 1:15
- **December 21st** - Report Cards go home
- **December 24th - January 1st** - Winter Vacation, No School
- **January 2nd** - School back in session
- **January 3rd** - Grade 3 Museum of Science Traveling Program
- **January 4th** - Grade 5 Museum of Science Traveling Program
- **January 9th** - Early Release @ 1:15

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Classroom Highlights

Some artwork that is displayed in the hallway. Thank you Mrs. Smith for teaching our budding artists!



Dear Highlands Families,

It is hard to believe that we are ten days away from the winter break. In the interest of keeping everyone healthy, please remind your children to wash their hands, and make sure that they have the appropriate clothing for outdoor recess. We try to get outside for lunch recess everyday!

On Wednesday, December 12th we will have our annual Winter Concert, which will feature our 4th and 5th grade students who participate in band, chimes, and chorus. The performance for families will be at 1:15 with a 9am dress rehearsal that the school will gather for. If you can not make it to the 1:15 family performance, you are welcome to join us at 9 for the dress rehearsal.

We are one week away from our annual giving to the People to People Food Pantry. The boxes outside of the classrooms are filling up! We thank you for your generosity and helping us help Danvers families in need this holiday season.

I have an update for the raffle. The raffle drawing date has been moved to Thursday, December 13th. There will be an opportunity to purchase tickets before the grades 4 & 5 winter concert on Wednesday. Find more details here - [Spalenza Spa flyer](#). What a great opportunity to win an amazing gift for someone special or yourself - imagine a \$399 spa package for as little as \$5! Proceeds to benefit 5th grade celebration fund. Also, for the month of December mention "Highlands School" for ANY service and 10% of sales will be donated to Highlands PAC! Thank you to both the Spalenza Family & Mrs. Stokes for organizing!

Lastly, there will be a community forum held on Thursday December 13th at 7pm in the Holten Richmond Multi-Purpose room for the Smith School Building Project. We invite you to please take this opportunity to come and learn about this exciting project. There will be an open forum from 7:00-7:30 where you can view project material and speak directly with the design team and town officials; 7:30-8:00 will be a brief presentation and a Q&A session. Light refreshments and snacks will be served. Check the [project website](#) for regular updates.

Thank you for all that you do!
-Mrs. Jones