



GARRETTFORD GOOD NEWS

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GARRETTFORD STUDENTS BRING GOOD CHEER AND SUPPORT TO THE COMMUNITY



The annual Garrettford Charity Day and Card Give Away was another huge success this year! The students pictured above represented their classmates and shared with the school community the charitable work undertaken by their fellow students. Some

examples of the ways Garrettford students chose to help the community are: making cards for sick Veterans at local Veteran's hospitals and Fair Acres; collecting items of warmth and toiletry articles for homeless Veterans serviced by the Philadelphia Veteran's Comfort House; collecting pajamas for underprivileged children; and making donations to K-9 for Warriors. These efforts not only help the community, they provide hands-on lessons for our students on being good citizens, giving back to the community and showing compassion and kindness for others.

The neighbors in the community also look forward to receiving their handmade cards every year from the Garrettford children. The decades-long tradition always brings joy to the entire school. Our young musicians perform, Santa visits and good cheer is spread throughout the streets of Drexel Hill.



'TIS THE SEASON TO BE JOLLY



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loved performing *Sleigh Ride in the Park* and *'Tis in Season*. The Band's highlight was performing the Nutcracker March and Band on the Housetop. All the students look forward to performing in the Spring Concert on April 10th.



SOUNDS OF THE SEASON ENJOYED AT WINTER CONCERT

Garrettford's Chorus and Ukulele Club performed three songs from differing cultures celebrating Hanukkah, Christmas, and Kwanza. In the finale the students sang the refrain from each song simultaneously filling the auditorium with three-part harmony. The audience was invited to sing along with three other cultural songs: *Dreidel*, *Feliz Navidad*, and *Tina Singu*. Music teaches us we can live harmoniously.

Garrettford Band and Orchestra performed at the concert also. The students in the Orchestra





HOME AND SCHOOL ASSOCIATION SPONSORS HOLIDAY SHOP AND BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

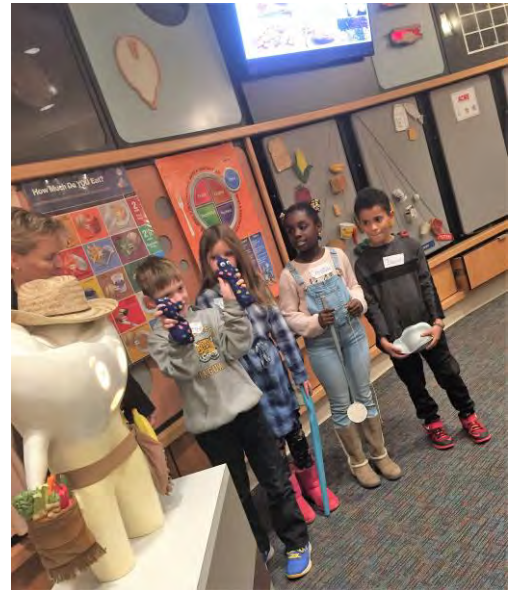


The Home & School Association sponsored a successful event to put our families into the holiday spirit. Children had the opportunity to shop for presents and

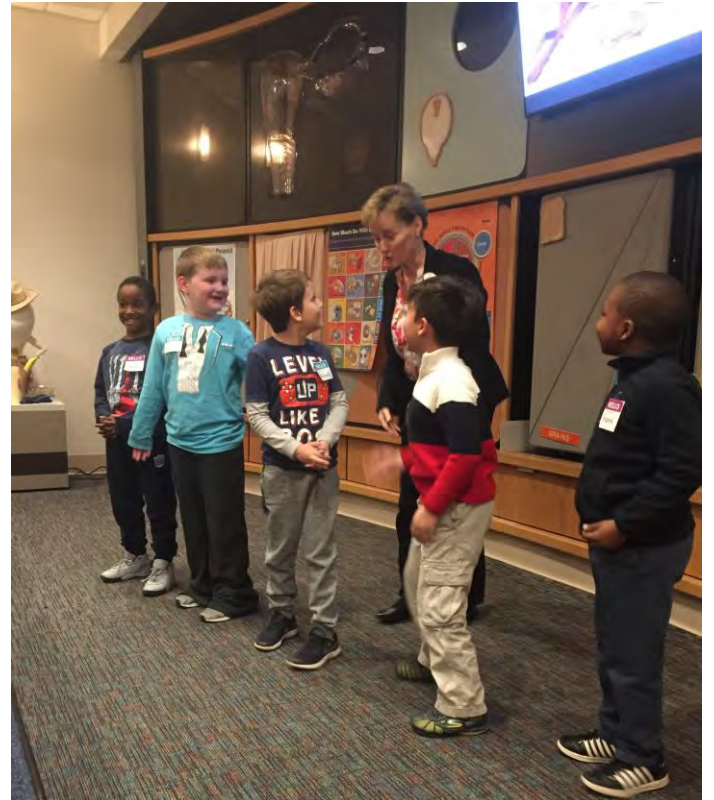
visit with Santa. A hot breakfast from Perkins was served and parents had the chance to chat and get to know one another. Everyone had a wonderful time. Thank you to our Home & School parents for all their hard work!



SECOND GRADE VISITS LANKENAU HOSPITAL FOR HEALTH LESSONS



In November the second grade went to Lankenau Hospital's Health Education Center. The children met Pandora, a life-size transparent woman, who highlighted the parts of the human body. Students learned how to keep their bodies healthy through the use of good hygiene, healthy food and exercise. It was a wonderful program that is offered free to schools in the community.



**CONGRATULATIONS DAWE SULLIVAN –
GARRETTFORD GEOGRAPHY BEE WINNER**



GARRETTFORD GEOGRAPHY BEE PARTICIPANTS

SPECIAL DELIVERY FOR A CERTAIN FIFTH GRADER TOUCHES EVERYONE'S HEART

When Mrs. Udovich found out that Austin Campbell's brother Tim had arrived home early from his tour in the Army, the wheels in her brain started spinning. Mrs. Udovich had taught Tim when he attended Garrettford and Austin is her current student. She knew that Austin had really been missing his big brother. Mrs. Udovich arranged to have Tim come to school to surprise Austin. The plan was that he would dress in the Garrettford jaguar costume and pretend to be delivering candy grams to her class. When Tim got to Austin, he whipped off the head of the costume to surprise Austin. The reunion was heart-warming, with tears and applause all around.

Austin's fellow students were so excited for him, too.

