

**GARRETTFORD
GOOD NEWS**

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**GARRETTFORD
MUSIC
STUDENTS
SHINE DURING
WINTER CONCERT**



In this year's Winter Concert select beginning orchestra students got to showcase their talents by performing

Jingle Bells. Advanced Orchestra continued the concert by playing Hunter's Chorus, Snow is Falling and African Blessing. Snow is Falling is based on the Japanese Folk Song "Yuki" and African Blessing is an East African Song called "Bwana Awabariki." Select Advanced Students also got to perform I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day. This year both the 4th and 5th grade bucket bands got to perform at the winter concert for the first time. Fourth grade arranged Holly and the Ivy for buckets and boomwhackers with a solo section in the middle. Fifth grade opted for a more traditional approach to Carol of the Bells.

Select Beginning Band students started off the band portion of the Concert with Holiday Sampler and staple in the method book. The Advanced Band finished the concert with A Rather Bumpy Sleigh Ride, Dance Slav, and Mrs. Lesniak's favorite song of the concert, The Name is Claus, Santa Claus. The Name is Claus used a drum set and student's got a chance to really swing during the middle section. It was a really great concert and Mrs. Lesniak was super proud of all the students that performed.

The Chorus sang a variety of music: Stille Nacht (Silent Night), Wasn't that a Time a traditional Haannukah tune, The Black Snowman reminding us of the stories past that

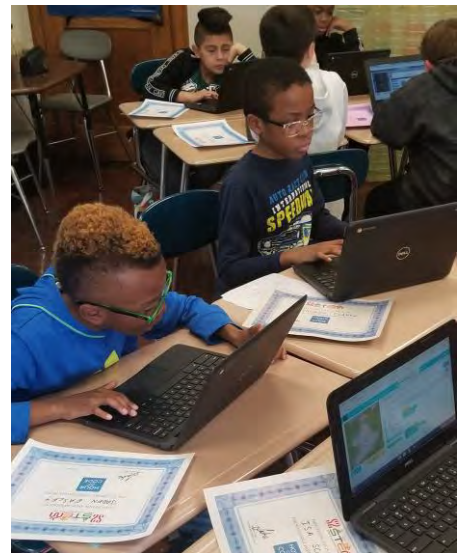
pave the way to the future, Beating Green a song about caring for the planet earth, Peace about the choice of peace, and The One Horse Open Sleigh Jingle Bells as it was sung 170 years ago. The Ukulele Club helped out with Stille Nacht and Peace with the addition of Winter Wonderland.



FIFTH GRADE STUDENTS LEARN CODING

What is STEM? It is educating with Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. Our students learned the importance of each and how it relates to our real world and more importantly our future. Computer Science Education Week and is held annually in recognition of the birthday of computing pioneer Admiral Grace Murray Hopper (Dec 9, 1906.) To celebrate, our students learned Coding.

Coding is the process of using a programming language to get a computer to behave how you want it to. Every line of code tells the computer to do something. Our students experienced coding on the Chrome books. Anyone can try it if they log in with their Google account at hourofcode.com. STEM learning is not going away and is a necessary part of world problem solving. It is our hope that one of our own students will be one of those problem solvers.



**THANK YOU TO OUR MANY VOLUNTEERS WHO HELPED
WITH THE BREAKFAST WITH SANTA/SANTA SHOP. WE
MADE LOTS OF HAPPY MEMORIES!**



The children had a wonderful time sharing breakfast with their friends and families, seeing Santa and shopping for the holidays.



GARRETTFORD STUDENTS GIVE BACK

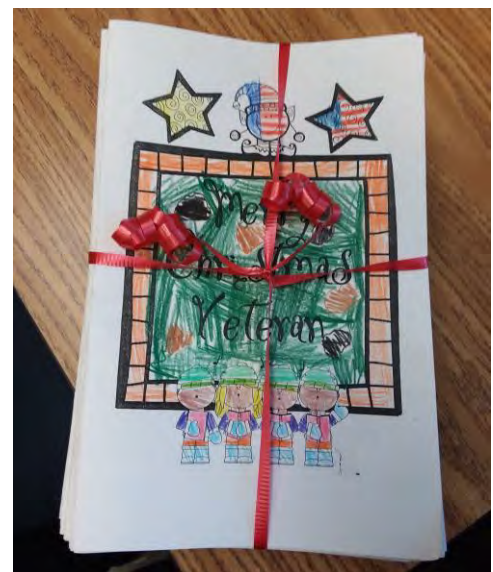
This year Garrettford students have chosen some awesome ways to help others as part of the annual Garrettford Card Give Away/Charity Day. For example, first grade students will do a community day of service cleaning up the school and grounds. The fourth grade students are collecting money for the Philadelphia Veteran's House and

Mrs. Clayton and Mr. McKnight's classes are donating to 4 Oceans. Third grade is donating hats, gloves, and socks to Sneham, a Drexel Hill-based service organization that provides homeless and community outreach. Second grade students are making holiday cards for the Veterans Hospital residents.

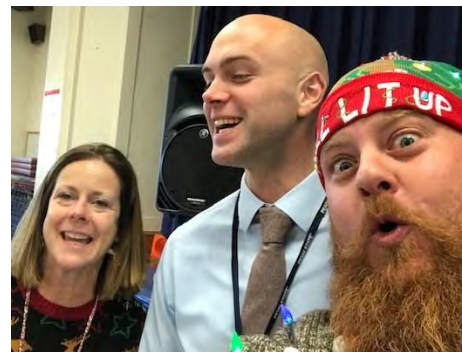
The neighbors surrounding Garrettford Elementary also look forward every year to receiving the handmade holiday cards from the students. This is a long lived Garrettford tradition and one which means so much to the community. These traditions help our students to learn about helping others and being good citizens, along with enabling them to enjoy the cultures and celebrations our students hold dear.



Third grade students display the cold weather items they donated! This will help many people stay warm this winter.



Second grade made beautiful hand-made cards for the Veterans, too.



**HOLIDAY SING ALONG
WITH MR. FRICKER**

The students and staff enjoyed another fun and interactive sing along with Mr. Fricker. Some of the favorites were the Grinch song and Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer. Everyone got into the act!!! Thank you Mr. Fricker for continuing this fun tradition.



THE ANNUAL CARD GIVE AWAY LIVES ON

For well over two decades, Garrettford has been delivering handmade cards to the neighborhood to spread some holiday cheer. The students look forward to this activity every year and so many of the neighbors wait for their cards each year, too.

We are so happy to continue this wonderful tradition and thank all the volunteers who help keep the children safe as they cross the streets. Santa also comes each year to wish the children a good winter break and a Happy Holiday Season.





Proud students announce their charity effort to the entire school.



First Graders deliver cards in the building



The band plays the children out to deliver the cards.



Santa waits to greet the children.

**HO HO HO
MERRY CHRISTMAS!**



GRADE ONE HAS A STEM LESSON

Students in Ms. Stritzinger's class had a fun time building snowmen before break! What??? That's right snowmen without snow! This STEM lesson was presented by Mrs. Carafides and Mrs. Farley. The students enjoyed learning and challenging themselves.

