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On behalf of the Coolidge Family I wish everyone a healthy, happy and relaxing holiday season!

Mark your calendars (click [here](#) for the complete December calendar)

12/11- Paramus Park Chorus Concert 4PM
12/12- Grade 2-3 Holiday Show 9:30 AM
12/20- Grade 4-5 Choral Concert 9:30 AM

Terra Nova Score Reports

Terra Nova score reports were mailed home this week for students in grades 2-5. This assessment data is used to identify individual student strengths and weaknesses and is used to help guide instruction in the classroom. As you review your child's results keep in mind that test scores are only one source of information about your child's ability. Test scores should always be evaluated in light of other observations, assessments and your child's ongoing performance in school. Should you have any questions about these score reports, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Student Council Update

The Holiday Season is here! At Coolidge School, we are particularly fortunate to have the opportunity to share what we have with those who need our help. This year, the Student Council will be donating supplies to the Tomorrow's Children's Institute at Hackensack University Medical Center. The supplies that are donated will be given to and enjoyed by chronically ill children who spend a great deal of time in the hospital and at the clinic.

The following items have been suggested by the Institute:

- Art supplies such as crayons, markers, colored pencils, paintbrushes, paints, coloring books, etc.
- Children's music CD's
- Lip moisturizers- flavored or plain

Because of health considerations, all items MUST be new and unused. Anyone wishing to contribute must send items to Coolidge by Monday, December 17th. The Student Council is looking forward to a successful project! Thank you and Happy Holidays!

Manners Matters School Assembly

As you know, the Coolidge School theme this year is Manners Matter. Each month a different point of emphasis is stressed by the staff to reinforce this theme. A school wide assembly was held recently to celebrate our work towards improving manners and to reinforce the lessons taught each month. During our assembly two skits were performed by both students and teachers demonstrating good and bad manners. Audience members actively participated by holding up either "smiley faces" or "sad faces" to demonstrate whether good or bad manners were displayed in the skit. Mrs. Perry and Ms. Berg are to be thanked for their leadership role in this endeavor. The assembly concluded with the singing of our "Cougar Pride" song to the tune of "This Land is Our Land". During the month of December students are focusing on how to show manners while speaking to others. Teachers continue to develop lessons and activities that are integrated into the regular curriculum to support our theme. We hope you can reinforce these lessons at home! Click here for photos of this event!

From the Physical Education Department

In the month of December students will continue concentrating on movement concepts. The movement concepts unit will be concluded with three lessons focusing on safely traveling through space using the scooters. The students have previously been working on safely traveling through space using a variety of locomotor skills that challenge their coordination, stabilization, and

balance while safely traveling through different sized spaces. The students have done an exceptional job focusing on fitness throughout.

Mid-Day Fitness continues to run smoothly and is providing students with a safe play experience while focusing on fitness and skill development. Students continue to possess the ability to choose their activities and engage in socialization while playing. A marked decrease in disciplinary concerns, reports of bullying type behavior and injuries has been observed. Please dress children appropriately for the cold weather that is now upon us!

The Holiday Alphabet

Congratulations to our Pre K, Kindergarten and First Grade students for their wonderful performance of "The Holiday Alphabet". Parents, grandparents and guests were delighted by this musical holiday journey through the alphabet. The children sounded great and should be proud of their efforts. Thank you to Mrs. Allen, Ms. DiTursi, classroom teachers and the numerous staff members who helped put this performance together.

Instrumental Music Podcasts

Announcing something new to the Wyckoff Public Schools. Check out our first podcast series, presented by the Wyckoff Elementary School Band and Strings program. The podcasts are presently available on Coolidge School's homepage. Click on "Visit our Classrooms" then navigate to "Instrumental Music." There you'll find the homepage of the Instrumental Music program and a link to our podcasts. Each podcast will feature current news, photos, music, perhaps a contest or musical quiz, special guest interviews, etc. Podcasts will soon be available for downloading to your computer or Mp3 player from the iTunes store. All podcasts are intended for students, family and friends!

Principal's Book Club

On the evening of November 29th 20 fourth grade students and their parents joined Mr. Famularo for a discussion of Frindle by Andrew Clements. Students enjoyed being part of a book club and made excellent contributions to the group. The notion of "reading

as a social event" was emphasized throughout the evening. Thank you to Ms. Levine and Ms. Cocco for joining the group. A book club for second grade students is being planned for January. A flyer will be distributed shortly and all are encouraged to attend!

Coffee with the Principal

The second Coffee with the Principal took place on November 28th. The focus of this meeting was "Homework Without Tears". Approximately twenty parents were in attendance for a presentation that included suggestions for study skills, developing responsibility in your child, time management and the development of a homework plan. Parents were provided with an opportunity to ask questions and discuss these topics informally as well. Please let me know what topics are of interest to you for upcoming Coffee discussions.