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# Shooting Star Scoop

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*The monthly newsletter for Nikiski North Star Elementary*  
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### Important Dates

#### December 3

1st-2nd Grade  
Holiday Concert  
NMHS - 6:00pm  
(Performers - 5:45pm)

#### December 10

PreK - Kinder  
Holiday Concert  
NNS Gym - 6:00pm

#### December 14

Substitute Teacher Orientation  
9:30 - 11:30am  
Soldotna Prep

#### December 17

PTA Reflections Entries Due

#### December 18

Teacher Inservice Day  
*NO SCHOOL*

#### December 21 - January 3

Winter Break  
*NO SCHOOL*



### Principal Points

Happy Holidays!

I hope you had a joyful and restful Thanksgiving holiday with your children. It is an exciting time of year for our students.

It is a joy for me to watch your children as they learn and grow in all of our classrooms. They are so proud of what they are doing and eager to show adults what they have learned. The holiday season provides us a perfect opportunity to see our children perform. Nikiski North Star will have our Holiday Concert for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders this Thursday, December 3 at Nikiski Middle High School starting at 6:00. Our program featuring PreK and kindergarten students will take place on Thursday, December 10 at Nikiski North Star starting at 6:00 p.m. Both of these concerts should be a great showcase for students!

Nikiski North Star will welcome Debbie Harris, KPBSD art specialist, for the next two weeks. She will be working in each of our classrooms with students and teachers. Teachers look forward to this opportunity to incorporate art into our classroom studies.

This is the time of year when weather can change quickly. A week ago we seized the day and took advantage of the great snow to open our sledding hill for students during lunch recess. We appreciated the snow toys and sleds purchased by our PTA and the kids all had a great time. However, there are times when inclement weather or poor road conditions can cause a school closure or two hour delay. In the event of two-hour school delay or closure, official announcements will be made on the KPBSD homepage, the KPBSD Facebook and Twitter feeds, and shared through social media and local radio stations. Nikiski North Star will also notify families using our school messenger system. If school remains open, and you as a parent or guardian do not believe it is safe for your child to travel to school, use your best judgment to determine what is safest for your child. Please notify the school if your child will not attend, absences will be excused.



*A community volunteer teaches Mr. Boyle's students about Junior Achievement.*

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## Points continued

School attendance is one of the school goals for Nikiski North Star. Research is very clear with the established relationship between school success and consistent school attendance. Our school-wide attendance at Nikiski North Star has improved this year. I want to thank you for your consistent efforts to make sure your child is attending school.

I wish you a safe and happy December and hope you are able to take the time to enjoy the season. As always, if you have any questions, comments, or concerns please let me know. I welcome your input.

Margaret



# NNS HOLIDAY CONCERTS

**1st and 2nd Graders**

December 3rd at 6:00pm

NMHS Auditorium

**Pre-K and Kindergartners**

December 10th at 6:00pm

Nikiski North Star Gym

