



**The Bay Academy for the Arts & Sciences  
Intermediate School 98**

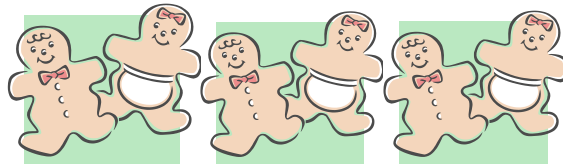
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**Principal**



**Weekly Intercom December 12, 2014**



1. **Winter Concert-** The winter concert was just fantastic! The student's performances were exceptional, the lighting awesome, scenery beautiful and most of all the teachers were spectacular! Mrs. Koltunova brought the house down with her performance while Mr. Judge and Ms. Perillo performed a magnificent *Let It Snow* rendition and Mr. O'Neill and Mrs. D'Agosta's duet accompanied by Mrs. Samuelson on the saxophone was just perfect! A huge thank you to our outstanding performing arts teachers, Lorene Comas and Joe Zoltowski and supervisor Nicole D'Agosta. A special thank you to Nicole Kasbar for her expert help with the lighting. These are the moments that enhance the extraordinary experience our students are fortunate to have. Thank you to the many staff members who attended this event and a special thank you to the staff members who worked the event and helped things to run smoothly.
2. **Hot Beverages-** Please remember to **NEVER** walk the halls or have in your classroom or any other area where students are present any hot beverage that is not properly covered. You may never let your guard down and think that just because an accident has never happened doesn't mean that it can never happen. Be Smart. You will never forgive yourself if a tragedy occurs.
3. **Holiday Display Guidelines-** Please be aware of and sensitive to the significance of seasonal observances and religious holidays as you work to foster mutual understanding and respect for our school's diverse religious, racial, ethnic, and cultural heritages. We may not endorse or promote a particular religion or belief system.:
  - The primary purpose of any display should be to promote understanding and respect for the rights of all individuals regarding their beliefs, values, and customs.
  - The display of holiday symbol decorations with secular dimensions is permitted. Displays that depict images of deities, other religious figures, or religious texts are prohibited. Permitted symbols include, but are not limited to, Christmas trees, kinaras, dreidels, menorahs, and the Star and Crescent.
  - Holiday displays must not appear to promote or celebrate any single religion or holiday. Therefore, any permitted symbol or decoration must be displayed simultaneously with other symbols or decorations reflecting different beliefs or customs.
  - All holiday displays should be temporary in nature.
4. **Bulletin Boards-** The BB's are beautiful!!!! You continue to outdo yourself every month. The talent in this building is unbelievable. Thank you for keeping our school beautiful!
5. **Festive Friday-** Thank you to all the staff members who participated in this fun day. These little changes to our every day work routine help to lift our spirits and make work fun.
6. **Ugly Sweater Day-** If you have an ugly sweater to wear join us on Friday December 19, 2014. A prize will be awarded to the ugliest sweater.
7. **Cookie Swap-** Bring in a special treat to share and swap recipes. This will take place on Friday 12/19.



**Thought to ponder....**

***They're not rocket scientists. Yet.***