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Colebrook and Pittsburg Perform Christmas Concert

-by Emily Fellows

On Thursday, December 14, the Colebrook and Pittsburg chorus held the Winter Concert at Colebrook Elementary School gymnasium. It was hosted by Sharon Pearson, the CES/CA choral teacher, and Alex Steward, the CES/CA band teacher. The concert started at 6:30 p.m.

The concert featured the general music classes, the CES band and chorus, and the CA band and chorus. At the end of the program, the Pittsburg chorus joined and the entire choral body sang.

The 7th grade General Music body, consisting of 7th grade, along with Mr. Sutters's and Mrs Lawton-Haynes's 8th grade homerooms, sang the songs "Remember When" and "Budapest". The CES school chorus sang "A Present for Elise" and other holiday songs. The CA chorus sang "A La Nanita Nana" and "White Winter Hymnal".

The CES band performed "The Little Drummer Boy" and other songs, while the CA band performed songs like "Music Box." The combined CA and Pittsburg school chorus sang "Amid the Cold Winter" and "Carol of the Snow." At the end of the concert, the CES, CA, and Pittsburg chorus all combined to perform "Christmas Canon."

The Staff of The Signal would like to wish everyone at CA a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

How to Wrap A Gift

-by Libby Billé

Christmas is approaching and that means there are gifts to wrap and hopefully unwrap! There's nothing better than a beautifully wrapped present, but since many people have trouble wrapping gifts, here are simple instructions.

Get a box that fits the gift that's going to be wrapped and put the gift in it. Roll out wrapping paper twice the length of the box ,then turn the box upside down and place it on top of the wrapping paper. Fold the two longest ends up and over the box and tape them together. Take one of the remaining ends and fold the edges in on itself until it touches the box. Repeat with the other edge. It should look like a triangle now. Take the triangle and fold it up so that it is flat on the side of the box, and tape it in place. Repeat with the other end on the box. Now turn the box rightside up and add ribbons or bows for decorations.

Mystery Gift Raffle

-by Jasmyne Hartlen

The Technology Student Association is holding a Mystery Gift fundraiser. They are raffling off a holiday gift which will be drawn on Friday December 22. The gift box features holiday-themed items that are intended to make someone's winter vacation more enjoyable.

The tickets are one dollar for one ticket, three dollars for five tickets and five dollars for ten tickets. To put a name in the raffle see the Office or any TSA member. This raffle is open to Colebrook Academy students and staff.

Main TSA members include Danielle DeBlois, Jasmyne Hartlen, and Libby Billé.

Notice:

Holiday Break is from Monday, December 25 - Monday, January 1.

Christmas Traditions: Hanging a Stocking

-by Amanda Leslie

One of the many Christmas traditions in American culture is hanging a stocking over the fireplace (or somewhere else in the house if there's no fireplace), so that Santa can fill it with gifts. The small gifts are known as stocking stuffers or fillers. For some, these are the only gifts a child will get from Santa on Christmas Day. In other stories, children may get various other gifts wrapped in wrapping paper and put under the tree.

One common tradition is that if children behave badly, they get warned that nothing but coal will be put in their stockings. This is usually just a warning-coal isn't put in stockings often, as it can scare children. Also in Western culture they put their stockings on their bedposts instead of the chimney, so Santa can fill it while they sleep. So, this is how other cultures celebrate Christmas.

Fun Facts

If all of the presents in "12 Days of Christmas" were given they would add up to 364.

The song "Jingle Bells" was meant for Thanksgiving, not Christmas.

Brain Teaser   *Emily Fellows*

An Arab sheik is old and must will his fortune to one of his two sons. He makes a proposition. His two sons will ride their camels in a race, and whichever camel crosses the finish line LAST will win the fortune for its owner. During the race, the two brothers wander aimlessly for days, neither willing to cross the finish line. In desperation, they ask a wise man for advice. He tells them something; then the brothers leap onto the camels and charge toward the finish line. What did the wise man say?

A: The rules of the race were that the owner of the camel that crosses the finish line last wins the fortune. The wise man simply told them to switch camels.

Hot Lunch (meals are subject to change)	**Meeting Dates**
Dec. 22 *Friday 12/22* - Seasoned Pork Roast **January's menu is yet to be released**	**Drama Club:** Thurs., Jan. 4, 3 p.m., Mr. Hebert's Room, CES **Key Club:** Wednesdays, 7 p.m., CA Cafeteria. **Quiz Bowl:** Mondays, 3 p.m., and Thursdays, 6 p.m., Mr. Hurley's Room. **School Board:** TBA **Student Council:** Wednesdays, second lunch, Ms. White's room. **Technology Student Association**: Thursdays after school, Tech. Building.

Thurs. 12/21	**Fri. 12/22**	**Sat. 12/23**	**Sun. 12/24**	**Mon. 12/25**	**Tues. 12/26**	**Wed. 12/27**	**Thurs. 12/28**
High: 13 Low: -3°F P. Cloudy	High: 19°F Low: 14°F PM Snow	High: 33°F Low: 20°F Wintry Mix	High: 24°F Low: 12°F M. Cloudy	High: 18°F Low: 4°F Snow	High: 12°F Low: -10°F Snow Showers	High: 11°F Low: -15°F P. Cloudy	High: -3°F Low: -17°F Clouds, Sun

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Mohawks Basketball

Dec. 22nd @ 5:30pm- Sunapee VG/VB
Dec. 27/28 @ Groveton XMAS Tourn. VG/VB
Jan. 2nd @ 5:30pm-Gorham VG/VB
Jan. 5th @ Groveton-5.00pm VG/VB Bus @ 3:55pm
Jan. 8th @ 5:30pm- Profile VG/VB
Jan. 10th @ 5:30p.m.- Woodsville VG/VB