



Bridges Prep News & Notes: Dec. 8, 2017

Band/Chorus performance Dec. 18! Please mark your calendars and join us at the Main Campus Gym on Dec. 18 at 6 p.m. Ms. Deborah Hamner's band and chorus students will perform a holiday special. She will have about 45 members of the band and 11 members of chorus ready to entertain. Admission is FREE!



Mad Hatter spotted in Beaufort Christmas Parade! Our drama students promoted 'Alice in Wonderland' by dressing up two VW Beetles for the Beaufort Christmas Parade and then handing out fliers promoting the show!

And speaking of the show, thank you to Ms. Casey Chucta and her wonderful student

performers for delivering a knockout show this week!

I am sure everyone who attended the performances was thrilled at their flair for drama!

Winter Holiday: Our last day for students this month is Dec. 20, a full day. Students will **return** on Jan. 4, 2018.

From the Board... We want to update you on our **facility** and our **budget**. We will have to spend a significant amount of money from our operating budget to install and lease the modular classrooms on our Port Royal property to house the high school students next year. We also have to pay for the infrastructure to support the modular units – and that's not part of the \$20 million federal loan.

As part of that loan, we have to keep intact our \$2 million reserve fund, roughly equivalent to one year of operating expenses. That's why we can't use that money for salary increases. We are in a tight budget but I think you'll agree we need to get this new campus started. Once the cost of the modular classrooms can be determined and we know what impact on the budget, the budget committee will look at ways to cut money to reinstate salary increases. The Board does not like having to make tough decisions that affect the pay of the staff who work so hard to help make Bridges Prep successful.

The Board congratulates the cast and crew of 'Alice in Wonderland' – it was a spectacular show with gorgeous costumes and sets! Well done everyone!

