

## Bird Creek PS students spread holiday cheer



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Bird Creek Public School resonated with joy during the much-anticipated holiday concert on Dec. 13. The melodies and spirit of the school community created a festive atmosphere of goodwill against a backdrop of philanthropy organized by the Grade 5/6 class. The enthusiastic Grade 5/6 class showcased their entrepreneurial spirit that left an indelible mark on the event. Selling yarn ornaments they designed themselves, the air buzzed with their spirited sales pitches echoing through the halls "hats for sale!" This student-led endeavor highlighted the class's dedication to making a meaningful difference in the community. The students' goal, initially set at \$50, was achieved in a quick 15 minutes as the school community rallied behind their efforts. The collective zeal and determination resulted in a staggering \$134 raised, all earmarked for the animal rescue Home Again which the classes voted on as their charity of choice. One young entrepreneur, Declan, said the students had been working for "about a month, maybe two" on the project. The holiday concert unfolded as the teachers playfully told the parents "you're it!" ushering in a spirit of camaraderie and shared joy. The evening began with the kindergarten classes, whose rendition of "The Happiest Christmas Tree" set the tone for an evening. Despite a few costume malfunctions, the endearing performance was a testament to the students' dedication and resilience, drawing chuckles and applause from the audience. The school gymnasium was transformed into a sea of waving hands and delighted shouts as students caught glimpses of their families amidst the crowd. One small but determined participant exclaimed, "I can't even see my mom and dad!" Such candid moments captured the essence of the event. The combination of musical performances and altruistic endeavors exemplified the spirit of the season. The Grade 5/6 students' charitable efforts reflect the ethos of compassion and community spirit the staff at Bird Creek Public School have worked hard to foster. As the holiday concert concluded, it served as a reminder of the power of unity and shared experiences in a community. The smiles on the faces of the students, teachers, and parents were a testament to the success of the event and the positive impact it had on all those involved. In the coming weeks, as the holiday season approaches, the vibrant energy and sense of community formed during the concert will continue to resonate throughout Bird Creek Public School. The spirit of giving and compassion that characterized this event will inspire future endeavors and strengthen the bonds within the school community. Parents, teachers, and students alike left the concert with a renewed sense of pride and gratitude for the wonderful experience they had shared. The holiday concert served as a reminder that the true joy of the season lies not only in festive melodies but also in coming together to support and uplift one another. As the students return to their classrooms and reflect on the success of the concert, they carry with them a valuable lesson of unity, compassion, and the impact that a group of dedicated individuals can have on the world around them. Bird Creek Public School continues to foster an environment where students can learn, grow, and make a positive impact. Through their collective efforts, the school community remains committed to building a brighter future, not only during the holiday season but throughout the entire year.