The purpose of Music EdVentures is to search for and practice ways of making music and interacting with people that preserve and celebrate the dignity of both. As a guiding principle, this purpose will focus our work on:

1. Practices that foster interactive, facilitative learning environments.
2. Strategies that empower the learner within the context of music experience and study.
3. Networks that encourage collaboration between diverse disciplines, professionals, and interest groups.

From Our President  Deb Eikenbary, Indiana

Hello all!

December has hit with all its bustling and I am in the thick of it with performances next week and the week after. Schedules to coordinate with lots of wonderful helping adults and calming December jitters in the students keep life interesting.

December is also our new deadline for applying for scholarship assistance for attending the Conference in March. Please encourage anyone you know who might be interested in attending to have that request to me by letter by December 15. They can be e-mailed to me at eikenbary@bcemc.net Please note the box dedicated to this elsewhere in this newsletter.

Registering for the conference as soon as possible is also important to the planning committee (Tony Williamson, Pam Vellutini, and myself) as we need to be assured that our agreement with the hotel can be met. One MEI member just wrote and said she was hoping to get her flight scheduled soon as flights were cheaper at this point. Please consider registering as early as possible. It promises to be a wonderful, informative weekend.

As we approach 2009 I wish you continued success in your amazing efforts on behalf of children and families. My continued thanks to the planning committee, Tony Williamson and Pam Vellutini and to Pam Bridgehouse for her dedication to getting this newsletter out to us all.

Happy Holidays,  Deb Eikenbary
Is your membership up to date? Regular - $35  Sustaining - $50  Patron - $100  Student - $10
Send check payable to MEI (US funds) to: Paige Macklin
Please include your name, address, phone and email address.

December 15 deadline for scholarship applications for Conference & Update 2009
All scholarship applications must be received at eikenbary@bcremc.net by Dec. 15. Recipients will be notified in January. This will help in the methodical disbursement of funds available for scholarships.

Registration information and form on page 3 of this newsletter may be copied.
Presents

Conference / Update 2009

"Creating Foundations Through Music"

Keynote Speaker

Dr. Peggy D. Bennett

March 5(Update), 6 & 7(Conference), 2009

Red Lion Hotel Convention Center
1021 NE Grand Ave. (off I-5 at exit 302A)
Portland, Oregon 97232

Reservations 800-343-1822   Ask for Music EdVentures rate: $92. + tax (about 12.5%)

Two Day conference fee   One Day Conference fee
Members            $130 _____   Members            $ 80 _____
Non-Members    $165 _____   Non Members    $105 _____
Retirees              $ 80  _____  Retirees              $ 60  _____
Students             no charge  Students             no charge
Saturday banquet $35 ___

Membership: Regular $35 ____  Sustaining $50 ____  Patron - $100 ____  Student - $10 ____
Lunches included in registration fee (includes gratuity and tax)
TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

Scholarships available. Submit your request to eikenbary@bcremc.net before December 15.

Name _______________________________ email: ____________________________
Address _____________________________ Phone ____________________________
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Mail completed form with payment to: Paige Macklin
23021 Woodland Road
Lakeville, MN 55044
Hop Old Squirrel Christmas Holiday Language Activity
submitted by Pam Bridgehouse, learned from classroom teachers

Assuming the children know the song well and have played the game with movement and have
done some langua highlighting activities, they will be successful in finding holiday words and
expressions that fit the rhythm and stress patterns in the song. Examples below:

Jingle bells, listen, listen. etc.
Santa Claus, listen listen, etc.
Ho, Ho, Ho, Santa, Santa or
Ho, Ho, Ho, Santa’s laughing
Reindeer feet, listen, listen, etc.

Christmas bells, listen, listen, etc.
Christmas bells, ringing, ringing, etc.
Christmas Eve Celebration, etc
(need to vary the text at the ending)
Christmas time, singing carols, etc.

Christ is born! Alleluia! Christ is born, Allelu! etc.
Chirst is born! Angels singing! Christ is born, angels sing! etc.

Peace on earth, Angels singing! Peace on earth, angels sing., etc.

Baby boy in the manger, baby boy sweetly sleeps, etc.

Holy Child sweetly sleeping, Holy Child sweetly sleeps, etc.

So many possibilities! Enjoy!