



*Wesley wishes
Merry Christmas to all*

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The entire student population at Wesley School sang a chorus of "We Wish You a Merry Christmas," at the end of an assembly held to celebrate the school's new

"house system" for teaching children to work together in groups. More photos inside this issue.



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A 'mellow-yellow' holiday season

This is a photo of the yellow "house" at Wesley School who were assigned the task of demonstrating Eid-al Fitr, a religious holiday celebrated by Muslims to mark the last day of Ramadan.

Wesley develops 'house system' for students

Wesley School has implemented a house system this year, where students and staff members have all been assigned to mixed groups, which are identified by color.

The houses are designed to help students build relationships outside of those that already exist at their classroom and grade level. Collaborative competitions are planned for each month to help the students work together within their house. In November, the houses competed to see which group could log the most reading minutes.

On Friday, Dec. 21, the houses participated in a holiday sing-along, at which speakers from each house shared information about their assigned holiday and the house members sang a related song. The Yellow House had Eid, the Red House was assigned Hanukkah, the Orange House demonstrated Diwali, the Green House had Kwanzaa, and the Blue and Purple Houses showed Christmas, with Purple singing an English Christmas song, and Blue singing a Spanish Christmas song.

The entire school concluded the sing along with a rousing chorus of "We Wish You a Merry Christmas."



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When Wesley School divided the students into "houses" identified by color, this blue team performed a Christmas song in Spanish. Each group demonstrated a different December holiday.



These are the students of the orange "house" at Wesley School, who were given the task of teaching the rest of the students about Diwali, the Hindu Festival of Lights, celebrated every fall in the northern hemisphere.



When Wesley School divided its population into "houses" defined by color, the red group pictured here was assigned the task of demonstrating the holiday of Hanukkah to the remainder of the students.