

# Season of Hope

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I hope that all of you are having a wonderful school year! As we approach the Holiday season, I hope that you will take the time to decompress and spend some quality time with your family and friends. I hope that you will count your blessings and reflect on what a great career you have chosen. I hope that you will take some time to thank those who have helped you in any small or large way and I hope that you will find peace. Peace of mind, peaceful rest and a piece of pie.

We are lucky to live in a place where music education is valued and I hope that we continue to provide a quality musical education to all of the school children in our state. Now, I do understand that hope is not a strategy and that actions are needed in order to reach what it is we hope for. But what I like best about hope is that it is an optimistic attitude that is based on an expectation of positive outcomes related to events and circumstances in one's life. So let's keep hope alive!

Happy Holidays!

