The Sound of Music!

It has been a big month for our music program. In November, Alyssa Garza was selected to perform at the Western International Band Clinic in Seattle. She was one of many that auditioned for the part. We are so proud of her.

On December 14, the entire band program, grades 5-12 performed in the High School Gym. The performance was fabulous for our community.
Hello! My name is Ricardo Esqueda, and I am the McKinney Vento Case Manager for the Mount Adams School District. My job mainly consists of making sure each homeless student is staying on track when it comes to grades, attendance and discipline. I visit with students throughout the week and make home visits when something is out of the ordinary. I check in with students if they are missing class, being defiant, looking fatigued or stressed, and anything else of that nature. I also identify new students throughout the year who are eligible for McKinney Vento services. My ultimate goal is to assist these students in any way I can. I also reach out to businesses and local community members for donations. I’ve already received donations consisting of hygiene supplies, school supplies, food, and clothing. I thank the community, staff, and students for the warm welcome to Mt. Adams!
In other news:

1. Dec 20th, we will be having an awards assembly. We will be recognizing academic achievement, and attendance. The community is invited. Parents of students receiving an award have been invited directly.

2. The High School and Middle School staff would like to thank the board and central office for the staff holiday lunch. It was a great meal, and we enjoyed good company. We feel appreciated!

3. As you may know, this year we went back to a shorter school day. This fall, in Trimester 1, we found that many freshmen struggled with their core classes. As a way to support their success we have implemented "6th period". This is an extension to the school day that is required for all 9th graders that are failing one or more classes. This time is led by certificated teachers and student tutors on Tuesday-Thursday of each week form 2:30pm to 4:00pm. There is a bus that follows the same route as the activities bus.

   A call was made to parents of students that require this intervention. So far, every student has worked hard and made good progress. We are so proud of the kids that have attended. They can do this. We believe in them!

   Thank you, parents for your support with this. You make all the difference. Together, we will make sure every student gets their red diploma!