



15th ANNUAL HOLIDAY EXPRESS RIDES AGAIN!

Benefiting the Visiting Nurse Association of Boston

Charlestown, MA – The Holiday Express Train rides again on Saturday, December 13, 2008. This magical family event is an annual holiday tradition sponsored by the Visiting Nurse Association of Boston and in partnership with students at Malden, Melrose, and Reading High Schools.

The Holiday Express will chug through the Greater Boston communities of Malden, Melrose, and Reading on the seven cars of the MBTA Commuter Rail's Haverhill line. Over 2,000 children and their parents will board the train and embark on a magical journey to the North Pole. During which, there will be many fun-filled activities for the kids, with guest celebrity readers reading *The Polar Express* a children's holiday classic by Chris Van Allsburg.

The non-stop, hour and fifteen minute train ride departs the **Malden Commuter Rail Station at 11am, the Melrose Cedar Park Commuter Station at 1:30pm, and the Reading Commuter Station at 4:00pm**. Special guests on the train include several favorite children's characters, including Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer, Frosty the Snowman, Tigger, Elmo, Thomas the Train, Dora the Explorer in addition to the BIG MAN from the North Pole. Santa's elves will deliver a snack of milk and cookies, a goody bag, a commemorative holiday bell, and a Holiday Express Coloring/Guide Book to all children.

Train Ticket Sale Dates & Times

10/17 • 9am-2pm • Reading Gymnastics • 172 Woburn Street • Reading, MA

10/22 & 10/29 • 2-6pm • 50 Tremont Street • Melrose, MA

11/5 & 11/12 • 2-8pm • Marty's Furniture • 99 Washington Street • Melrose, MA

Ticket prices are \$17.00. Children under age two are free. Tickets are limited and on a first come first served basis. Please call (617) 886-6463 for information or to purchase tickets.

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