

Elementary Band Newsletter

March 2014



March is Music in Our Schools Month

Here in Wilmington, we are fortunate to hear students making music in all of our school buildings every day of the year. Because many districts and towns are not as fortunate, *Music In Our Schools Month* (MIOSM) was created at a national level, in 1985, for the purpose of raising awareness of the importance of music education for all children. The National Association for Music Educators (NAfME) has designated this year's theme as "*Music Education * Orchestrating Success*", and in music classes around the country students are being asked to complete this open ended question " Music makes me _____!" In elementary band lessons we are celebrating this month in many different ways!!

March Calendar of Events

- 1 -31 – Morning Announcements soloists
- 12 - West Beginning Band – Bring a Grandparent to lessons
- 14 – March-A-Pella Concert 7:00 PM @ WMS auditorium
An evening of a cappella music for the whole family - tickets @ www.wilmingtoncats.org
- 21 – West Advanced Band – Bring a Grandparent to lessons
- 23 – Reading Symphony Orchestra 3:30 PM @ WHS Auditorium
Music of Handel, Mozart, & Rimsky-Korsakov - Tickets at the door
Students 12 and under free, must be accompanied by an adult
- 24 - North Advanced Band – Bring a Grandparent to lessons
- 27 – North Beginning Band – Bring a Grandparent to lessons
- 31 – Field trip to perform at Wilmington Healthcare Center 4:00 – 5:00 PM

Bring a Grandparent to lessons!!



Perform on the Morning Announcements

All band students are invited to play a solo, duet, or trio with their friends on the morning announcements at their school during the month of March.

Students should select a song that they like to play and let Ms. DiLullo know when they would like to play it.



During March, band students may invite their grandparents to come to one of their lessons!

Grandparents will be invited to sign in at the office before lesson time and then their grandchild will meet them at the office and escort them to the Instrumental Music room.

At lessons, grandparents will be able to sit right next to their grandchild and see them participate and make music!

The schedule for Grandparents to attend lessons is as follows:

12 - West Beginning Band – Bring a Grandparent to lessons – check the band schedule for times

21* – West Advanced Band – Bring a Grandparent to lessons - check the band schedule for times

24* - North Advanced Band – Bring a Grandparent to lessons - check the band schedule for times

27* – North Beginning Band – Bring a Grandparent to lessons – this will be for BOTH the Tuesday and Thursday beginners - check the band schedule for times

*These are make-up MCAS testing days. Any student who has to make up MCAS tests will be unable to attend their lesson on this day.

March-a-Pella Concert



Our yearly “March-A-Pella” concert will be held on Friday, March 14, 2014 at 7:00 PM at the Middle School auditorium. This evening of outstanding *a cappella* music will feature WHS’s own *Soundscape*, alongside performances by professional ensembles *Ball in the House* and *Fermata Town* as well as collegiate groups such as the *Dear Abbeys* from Boston University, *Vocality* from UMass Lowell, and *ECHO* from Endicott University. Ticket information and purchasing are available online at www.wilmingtoncats.org.

Recital at Wilmington Healthcare Center March 31, 2014 4:00 – 5:00 PM

Band students will have the opportunity to share their musical talents with the residents at the Wilmington Healthcare Center this month.

We will present a recital on Monday, March 31, 2014 at

4:00 PM of songs that band students enjoy playing. Beginning band students may choose any song up to page 16 in their lesson book or music from another source.

Advanced Band students may select anything from pages 17 – 35 in their lesson book, or something from their summer practice packet or another source.

Band students who choose to participate (and return the permission slip) will depart by bus from the West Intermediate school at 3:30 PM. Following the performance, students will return by bus to the West Intermediate school for pick up by their parents.

Space is limited for this performance, so we will be able to take only the first 35 students who return permission slips.





Reading Symphony Concert in Wilmington

The Reading Symphony Orchestra will be performing at Barrows Auditorium at Wilmington High School on Sunday, March 23, 2014 at 3:30 PM. A limited amount of free tickets are available for Wilmington students and staff. Please contact Anita DiLullo at adilullo@wpsk12.com to reserve your tickets. Tickets for purchase will also be available at the door and more information can be found at www.readingsymphonyorchestra.org

Entering its ninth decade of existence, the Reading Symphony Orchestra (RSO) is largely made up of adult musicians from all walks of life: teachers, doctors, software engineers, retirees, and professional musicians from Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Maine. The concert will begin with G.F. Handel's Overture to *Acis and Galatea* and will continue with W.A. Mozart's "*Linz*" Symphony (No. 36 in C Major). The highlight of the second half of the concert will be a performance of Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov's symphonic suite, *Scheherazade*. Thought by many to be his most popular work, *Scheherazade* is a classic example of programme music at its finest in which various instruments and motifs depict the characters and stories from the tale *One Thousand and One Nights*. Teachers, parents and students are invited to visit this website for a fun tutorial on Scheherazade: <http://www.classicalkusc.org/kids/sche/index.asp> (click on "play game").

Music makes me _____

Name _____

Fill in the blank, cut this out and return to Ms. DiLullo.

Responses will be published on the Elementary Band website: www.Advband.com

Music In Our Schools Month Activity Sign-Up Sheet

Student Name _____

School: NIS WIS Room # _____

Please check these boxes and return by March 7, 2014 for your child to participate

Playing on Morning Announcements

Name of song: _____

Bring a Grandparent(s) to lessons (check band schedule for times)

___ West Beginning Band March 12, 2014

___ West Advanced Band March 21, 2014

___ North Advanced Band March 24, 2014

___ North Beginning Band March 27, 2014

Name of Grandparent(s): _____

Wilmington Healthcare Center Recital (permission slip on back)

Name of song: _____

**Wilmington Healthcare Center
Recital Field Trip
Monday, March 31, 2014
Depart from West Int. 3:30* PM
Return to West Int. 5:15 PM**

Student Name _____

School: NIS WIS **Room #** _____

I give permission for my child to participate in the Recital Fieldtrip to the Wilmington Healthcare Center on 3/31/14 from 3:30 – 5:15 PM. I understand that my child will be transported by school bus to and from the Healthcare Center. I will make arrangements to pick up my child from the West Intermediate School at 5:15 PM following the field trip.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Phone Contact #1

Phone Contact #2

***West Intermediate students may leave directly from school. North students will require transportation to the West to travel on the bus.**