

## **Band Notes**

Band has gotten off to a great start!!! Fourth graders are now playing songs with the five notes that they have learned. The biggest hurdle, at this point is to maintain a regular practice schedule and record it onto the practice report to be turned in each Wednesday with a parent signature. This is a huge part of the band grade. Fifth graders need to continue to practice and turn their practice reports in each Tuesday. Fourth and fifth graders will have their first concert on Thursday, December 4 at SCAPA. Students will report at 6:00, concert will begin at 6:30 p.m. Fifth graders and the Middle School Band will be performing at the Lafayette Area Band Concert on Monday, December 8, at 7:30 p.m. Report time will be 6:00 for elementary and 6:30 for Middle School. Concert dress is white top, dark skirt or pants, flesh color hose, and dark shoes and socks.

Middle School band students have been busy. Will Lovan and Nathan Gillespie attended the Stephen Foster Music Camp this past summer. Will Lovan and Ms. Barker performed four concerts with the Danville Advocate Band this fall. A record number of band students were accepted into the Central Kentucky Youth Orchestra. They are: Jessica Abney, Stephen Abney, Danny Alford, Carrie Baldwin, Herman Bratcher, Andrew Burton, Katie Coyer, Will Lovan, Hallie Walther, Cameron Taylor, Ashley Whaley, Devan Schmidt, Bruce Cotton, Esther Putman, Mandy Daniels, Megan Leiter, Nathan Gillespie, Zack Schneider, Chloe McIntosh, and Leia Wedlund

Several band students provided SCAPA students, teachers and staff with some spirited entertainment for our CATS celebration, they were: Danny Alford, Brandon Critchfield, Adam Henthorne, Colton Ryan, Bruce Cotton, Nathan Gillespie, Zack Schneider, and Will Lovan.

Middle School band majors did a fine job performing at the reception for the Governors Conference on the Environment at the Lexington Convention Center on Monday, October 6. These students were: Jessica Abney, Danny Alford, Carrie Baldwin, Andrew Burton, Katie Coyer, Bruce Cotton, Brandon Critchfield, Brandy Duncan, Nathan Gillespie, Adam Henthorne, Will Lovan, Chloe McIntosh, Emily Miller, Joel Nelson, Jake Roney, Devan Schmidt, Zack Schneider, Cameron Taylor, Hallie Walther, Ashley Whaley.

The SCAPA flute trio, Carrie Baldwin, Chloe McIntosh, and Emily Miller performed at the Friendship International Conference, on October 23, at Immanuel Baptist Church.

Fifteen middle school band students were chosen to participate in the E.K.U. Honor Band Clinic to be held on Saturday, December 13. These students are: Jessica Abney, Danny Alford, Carrie Baldwin, Andrew Burton, Katie Coyer, Brandyn Duncan, Will Lovan, Chloe McIntosh, Emily Miller, Joel Nelson, Devan Schmidt, Coleman Stivers, Cameron Taylor Ashley Whaley, Joseph Wrightson.

Since Eighth Grade Band Night was cancelled due to weather conditions, an event has been planned by the on Tuesday, November 11, from 5:00-7:30 p.m. Dinner will be included.

Just a reminder for parents of middle school band students, there is an afterschool band rehearsal on Wednesday, November 12, from 3:45-5:30 p.m. The first middle school band concert is Thursday, November 13, at 6:30 in the multipurpose room. There will be a reception following the concert. If you have not done so, please take care of school instrument rental as soon as possible.

Middle School Band students will receive specific times for All-County Honor Band auditions on Wednesday, November 19. I am offering an optional help session after school on October 31, from 3:45-4:45 to help students prepare for their audition.

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