



James H. Bean School Music Newsletter



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Welcome to another year of music at the Bean School!

All students have been working on the concept of rhythm. Activities vary for different levels. The youngest students are learning how to keep a steady beat. Others are performing more complex rhythms using body percussion or rhythm instruments.

All classes also learn about a different composer or musician each month. The music classroom bulletin board will display facts and students will listen to the featured person's most famous pieces during the month.

Fourth graders spent several weeks using bucket drums where they played along with songs such as "We Will Rock You!" and "Can't Stop The Feeling". Fifth graders also completed the bucket drumming unit and have started a keyboard unit. This will be a 6-8 week unit where they will learn the basics of piano using an electric keyboard equipped with headphones.

As always, each class, grades 1-4, will spend several weeks preparing for a concert performance. This is very exciting for students as they are able to show all the skills they have learned in music class!

**Please save the date!!
JHB 2018-19 Concerts**

Grade 4 - Thursday, Jan. 17th
Grade 3 - Thursday, Feb. 14th
Grade 2 - Thursday, April 25th
Grade 1 - Thursday, May 9th

**All concerts are @ 6:30pm at
The Bean School

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!

5TH GRADE CHORUS CONCERTS
(Performed at the PAC)

Dec. 4th @ 7:00pm
May 28th @ 7:00pm

**Chorus Community Service
Field Trips**

Dec. 7th
June 7th

Check Out These Performances!

Here are just a couple of the upcoming performances at Colby College. Most are free of charge and open to the public. See the website for future concert dates and information @ www.colby.edu

Saturday, Dec. 1, 7:30 p.m. - Lorimer Chapel

Colby Symphony Orchestra

Jinwook Park, director

Presence of the Past Humanities Theme Event

Minji Ko '21, violin, 2018 Concerto Competition Winner



Friday, Dec. 7, 7 p.m. - Lorimer Chapel

Sat., Dec. 8, 3:30 and 7 p.m. - Lorimer Chapel

49th Annual Service of Carols and Lights

A Colby tradition since 1971, the service includes readings and carol singing by candlelight. Colby music ensembles provide a festive evening of traditional and contemporary seasonal music from around the world.



Upcoming District Performances



* Dec. 6th - Grade 6 Chorus Concert - 7pm @ MHS PAC

* Dec. 7th - Oakland Tree Lighting - 6pm

* Dec. 8th - Belgrade Stroll (Belgrade Lakes Village) - 4pm

* Dec. 11th - MMS Band & Grade 7/8 Chorus Concert - 7pm @ MHS PAC

Looking Ahead...

Beginning in January, I will be offering an after-school ukulele club to 5th grade students. The club will meet from 2:30-3:00pm to accommodate bus riders. Day of the week will be determined on a weekly basis and will be posted on the music room door. I will open it up to 4th graders after they have had some ukulele experience in music class following their concert. Ukuleles will be provided. Hope to see many students there!



Love to dance? Plans are in the works to have a JHB Community Dance! Each year students in most grade levels learn several folk dances, some from different countries. The idea for this dance would be for students to be the teachers to their family members! Be looking for more information in 2019...