



# James H. Bean School Music Newsletter



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Music classes are in full swing and students have been busy making music in many different ways!

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.

Grades 1-5 also learn about a different composer or performer each month. Selected videos and/or music is shared for the person "In the Spotlight". So far students have learned about Mozart, Stravinsky, and are currently learning about Duke Ellington.

Fourth graders spent several weeks using bucket drums where they played along with songs such as "We Will Rock You!" and "Old Time Rock 'n Roll". Fifth graders also completed the bucket drumming unit and are currently working on keyboards. 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 some of the skills they have learned in music class!

**Please save the date!!  
JHB 2019-20 Concerts**

Grade 4 - Thursday, Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>  
Grade 3 - Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>  
Grade 2\* - Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>  
Grade 1\* - Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup>

\*Each of these concerts will be a combination of grades 1 & 2. More information will be sent home as the concert draws nearer.

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

**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!**

**5TH GRADE CHORUS CONCERTS**  
(Performed at the PAC)

Dec. 3rd @ 7:00pm  
May 26<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm

**Chorus Community Service  
Field Trips**

Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>  
June 5<sup>th</sup>

## 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 for more information about each performance @ [www.colby.edu](http://www.colby.edu)

Saturday, Nov. 23, 7:30 p.m. - Lorimer Chapel  
Colby Symphony Orchestra  
Jinwook Park, director



Friday, Dec. 6, 7 p.m. - Lorimer Chapel  
Sat., Dec. 7, 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. Advance reservations required.



**Be sure to keep an eye out for their spring line up of performances—from jazz to classical and other ensembles—Don't miss the opportunity to hear high quality music in a local venue!**

### Upcoming District Performances



- \* Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> - Oakland Tree Lighting - 6pm
- \* Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> - Belgrade Stroll (Belgrade Lakes Village) - 4pm
- \* Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> - MMS Band & Grade 7/8 Chorus Concert - 7pm @ MHS PAC
- \* Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> - Grade 6 Chorus Concert - 7pm @ MHS PAC

### **Looking Ahead...**

Currently, the music room is filled with 17 electric keyboards, which are shared with Belgrade and Oakland students during the year as a traveling keyboard lab. I have offered the 5<sup>th</sup> grade students extra time after school to spend more time on them, either working on the songs they are learning during class or new songs. I plan to do the same after Christmas when we are working with ukuleles, so that those who have an interest in that instrument will have the opportunity to have more playing time.

**ENJOY THE UPCOMING HOLIDAYS!!**

*~Mrs. Paradis*