

# PONDEROSA MUSIC *Spring Newsletter*

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## Ponderosa High School Instrumental Music

Instrumental Music at Ponderosa is rolling through the winter months! We had 13 students in the Continental League Band and Orchestra, and violist Hudson Maness was 1st chair in the All-State Symphony Orchestra last month.

Winter Percussion is off to a great start, winning 1st place at their first two contests and getting set for a solid season. We have one more regular season show on March 11th at Mountain Range HS and then championships at USAFA on April 8th.

Our concert ensembles are getting geared up for the end of the year as well, with Wind Ensemble performing for the CBA Concert Band festival on March 4th, Concert Band playing in the CHSAA Band Festival on April 6th, and everyone getting ready for our annual Pops Concert on April 19th.

Other big news—MARCHING BAND is getting underway! We are having an informational meeting on Wednesday, March 15th for any Ponderosa student or Sagewood 7th and 8th grader who is interested. Please come out—7pm at PHS (exact location to be announced).

And finally—please make plans to come out to our annual Craft Fair on Saturday, April 15th! We are expected another great turnout of vendors and hopefully great weather this year....hope to see you there!



## Ponderosa High School Choirs

These last few months have been filled with excitement, opportunity and success for the many students involved in the choir program at Ponderosa. We continue to grow as we had sixteen amazing choir members participate in the Continental League Honor Choir at Boettcher Hall under the direction of Dr. Galen Darrough from UNC. We also had one Pegasus member, Chloe Resler, make All State Jazz Choir! She was one of eight girls that made the Mixed All State Jazz Choir! What an honor! She performed at the Colorado Music Educators Conference in Colorado Springs in January and also the Colorado All State Choir in Denver in February.

Brett Newman and Chloe Resler represented Ponderosa very well at the Colorado All State Choir event in February! We are very proud of these students for working extremely hard to earn these honors!

Members of Pegasus and Estrella had a FACE clinic at Castle View High School. FACE is a professional Acapella group that gave a wonderful performance in the evening. Pegasus and Estrella, our two vocal jazz ensembles, will be competing in the CHSSA Jazz festival at Cheyenne Mountain High School, August 28. Let's wish them well! Choral music is thriving at Ponderosa! Spring Concert is April 4, 7:00 pm and it is free. This will feature all choirs and solo's as well as small ensembles. This concert is mixed with Classical and Pop Music to showcase our talent.

Dessert Concert is May 2, in the cafeteria. Cost: TBA This concert will feature Pegasus and Estrella, and senior solos. This will be an evening of Jazz. Thank you for your support!

# Sagewood Middle School

Sagewood Music has been busy preparing for their spring concert season. The bands will be performing on Monday, March 13th and the choirs and orchestras will be performing on Tuesday, March 14th.

The Sagewood Concert Band and Wildcat Choir will be performing at the Fantasyland Stage at Disneyland in Anaheim, CA  
March 17-18, 2017.



The Sagewood Band and Choir performed at the Nuggets game on February 1st. The band played pre-game on the court and the choir sang the National Anthem.



The following choir students auditioned and were accepted into the Colorado Middle School All State Choir: Allie Hicks, Mari Iannone, Julianne Larson, Hannah Reynolds, and Elizabeth Williams.



The Sagewood Jazz Band performed at the Colorado Music Educator's Association Conference at the Broadmoor in Colorado Springs on January 27th.



The following band students auditioned and were accepted into the 2nd annual DCSD Middle School Honor Band: Cole Barton, Brody Smith, Katherine Rank.

# Northeast Elementary

The Northeast Choir, Bands and Orchestras have had a wonderful quarter! The bands and orchestras had a very successful performance in their feeder performances in January. We could not be more proud of all of the hard work the students put forth and the amazing conclusion to the band performance of the 1812 Overture was spectacular! We have had several fifth grade student's tryout and participate in the Honor Band and Orchestra concerts in February and March. Our trip to the Colorado Symphony in January was a highlight for all of us. We look forward to our last Northeast concert on April 24th and 25th and the end of the year Grand Finale performance with the Colorado Chamber Orchestra on May 18th.

The Northeast Soaring Eagle Choir had wonderful performances in December and a fantastic field trip to Mountain View and The Life Care Center in Stonegate. Our next performance is March 1st and is titled "Disney At The Movies." We have enjoyed preparing the music, dancing, acting for this performance. We will end the year with our last performance on May 3. Northeast auditioned and was selected for the fifteenth year in a row to perform the The Star-Spangled Banner at the Colorado Rockies Game on May 11th. We are so excited to be chosen once again for this honor. Twenty fifth graders auditioned and were selected to perform in the District Honor Choir that will be on April 20. We have so many reasons to be so proud of the talented singers at Northeast!





## Mountain View Elementary

The Mountain View Roaring Cubs Choir performed a Holiday concert in early December for family and friends in the MV Gym, and the following day we took it on the road, and performed the concert at the Life Care Center of Stone Gate. The highlight of the day for the singers was our lunch stop at McDonalds.

We are now working on our next concert which will be May 9th.

## Franktown Elementary

Music students have been busy at Franktown. In February, seven 5th grade students from choir were chosen to be a part of district Honor Choir at Legend High School! Students from ten district elementary schools took part and it was directed by our own Julie Tobin, retired from Bear Canyon Elementary. The concert was a huge success; students did an impressive performance singing and playing instruments.

In general music classes, first through second grades are working on learning rhythmic note values and performing rhythmic accompaniments to songs. Third grade is beginning a unit on instruments of the orchestra. Below is a photo of a fourth grade group. They have been learning recorder and are now creating their own recorder ensembles and adding percussion instruments. Fifth grade will begin work on their program "Rock Around the 50's, performance date TBA!

## Legacy Point Elementary

March 8th at LPE at 6:30 pm, combined with LPE band and Franktown Elementary band and orchestra.



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