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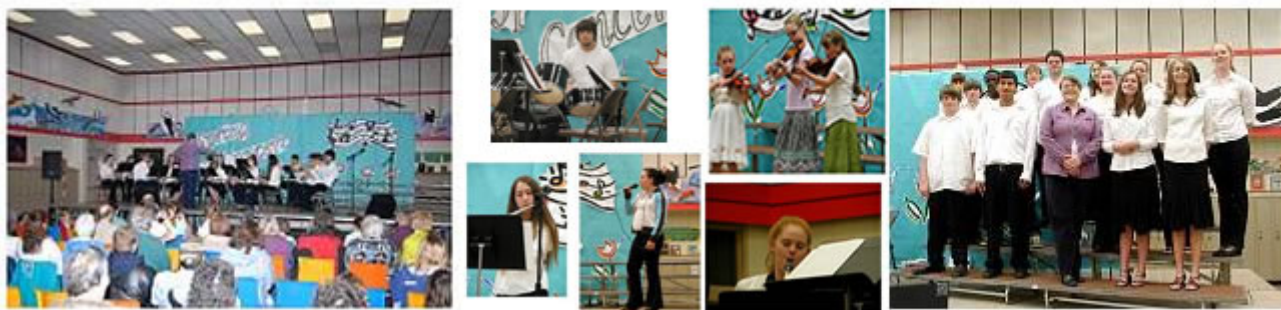
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School News - May 25, 2006

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Spring Concert

On Friday May 19th the school Band & Choir and a few of the contestants in the talent show, which was canceled, held a concert in the school commons. The concert started off with everyone being asked to stand and face the flag while Joel Blodgett and Dustin Baines played the Star-Spangled Banner on their trumpets.

Once they were done and every once was seated, or propped up against the wall again, the band started off the concert with three songs: Regal March, Sarabande, and Northern Lights. After the band was done playing their songs they exited the stage and the solos and ensembles portion of the concert began.

Mary Glover's violin class which consists of Lilly Kroll, Olivia Turner, and Serina Turner started the ball rolling by playing Angelina Baker. They gave a wonderful performance and they even ended it with a nice flourish.

Next Molly Chapman, Kristy Gallien, Paul OLeary, and Jordan Geagel sang Liza (Water Comma Me Eye). Then came the first big crowd pleaser when Stephanie Lewis sang Rocket Man by Elton John. When Miss. Hilts added if you know anything about Stephanie you know shes going to have fun doing it, after she introduced Stephanie everyone knew that this song was going to be a riot, and it was. Stephanie come onto the stage in sunglasses and she even did gestures and danced as she sang. When she left the stage the commons echoed with the sounds of cat calls, laughing, clapping, and whistling.

After that came Rod Hilts playing Trumpeters Lullaby, which is the song that he played at his eight grade graduation. Once he got on stage the first thing he did was turn to the audience and say it must have been a plan, because that is a hard act to follow.

Next Dustin Baines on the trumpet, Emily Haynes on the baritone sax, and Chelsea Suydam on the flute played Chorale and

Allegro, and they got cat calls as well as clapping as they left the stage. The next song on the program was A Whole New World and it was sung by Ariel Anahonak, Dustin Baines, Josh Blodgett, Alyssa Burt, Deidre Cameron, Oren Kroll, Katie OLeary, and Stephen Payton. They sang the song so that at some times only the girls would be singing, sometimes only the boys would be singing, and then at other times everyone on the stage would be singing, but when the boys were singing at least from where to was sitting only one of them could actually be heard and it wasn't because he was being loud.

Once A Whole New World was done Chelsea Suydam, the band's youngest member, played All I Ask of You from Andrew Lloyd Webber's Phantom of the Opera on her flute. Next Paul OLeary, a band member from the other end of the age spectrum, played Pirate of the Caribbean on his clarinet, and he even danced a little and moved his clarinet to the beat as he played.

Then Deidre Cameron and Jordan Geagel, both dressed for the song, sang the song Breakin' Free from Disney Channel's High School Musical. An interesting fact about this duo was that until that morning Jordan wasn't planning on singing that song with Deidre, but he jumped in at the last minute to sing with her. The last song in the Solos and Ensembles portion of the program was Right Kind of Wrong which was sung by Deidre Cameron, and she received cat calls, clapping, and yelling when once the song was done.

The school choir closed up the concert. The first song that the choir sang was Cantar, which they learned at the music festival, and about three-fourths of the way through the song there was a pause in the song and the audience thought that the song was done and they started clapping. Next, the choir sang Walk Tall, which they also learned for the music festival. The third song that they played was Homeward Bound. This song started off with a solo from Molly Chapman and Deidre Cameron and then after a little while the others joined in. Next they sang the song I Can Only Imagine which they dedicated to Brooke Haynes' memory, and which featured a Tyler Tucker as guest drummer. The choir's last song, and the last song of the concert, was River, Sing Your Song and the choir was accompanied by their conductor, Laurel Hilts, on the piano.

Have a great summer, and good luck to the class of 2006!

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