

Music In Our Schools Month

March, 2021

Since March is “Music In Our Schools Month” I wanted to give you an update on the activities that are taking place in the band room.

The fifth grade class is learning all about the elements of music: pitch, rhythm, and notation. They are also in the process of choosing their band instrument. This is always a very exciting time for them and I’m looking forward to getting everyone started in a few weeks.

The sixth grade band is progressing along very well. We will be sending home a recording or two this month for your enjoyment. They are improving a lot on their instrument, along with learning new notes and rhythms. To help them with this, every student has a list of “Challenge Skills” that they can work on for the rest of the school year. Any student who completes all the challenges will receive a special prize!

The junior high band (grades 7 & 8) just finished their solo competition. Every student learned a solo and performed it either for Mrs Ruff or for myself. This was an excellent opportunity for them to challenge their musical skills and improve their performance. They also have some “Challenge Skills” to complete for a special prize at the end of the year and will be sending home a recording in May.

The senior band has been working on a variety of new music along with sharpening their rhythm skills with bucket drumming. We are very grateful to be able to get together every few months to perform as a whole band and record music to be live streamed.

In honor of “Music in our Schools Month” I am pleased to send home some music for you to enjoy from the junior high and senior high band. Also, I’m so pleased to announce that the Alma High School Band recording of “The Star Spangled Banner” will be played at all home baseball and softball games.

I hope you enjoy our mini concert!

Alma Junior High Band

Chillaxin

Matt Conaway
Hal Leonard

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Alma Senior High Band

Fivefold

Michael Oare
C.L. Barnhouse Co.

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The Star Spangled Banner

Francis Scott Key
Arranged by Dave Leppla
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