

BATH COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

AGENDA ITEM: INFORMATION { X } ACTION { } CLOSED MEETING { }

SUBJECT: GOOD NEWS IN BATH COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

- A. MES Destination Imagination Team competed at Jefferson Region DI Tournament in Crozet February 25, 2017  
Sponsor: Kim Manion  
Destination Imagination is about the process – learning to work together to solve problems creatively. Millboro had two teams who went to the regional tournament. Both teams were successful because they presented a solution to their particular challenge as a team.
- B. 2017 VSBA Valley Regional Student Art Contest, March 8, 2017
 

- Sarah Eaton	Middle School	1 <sup>st</sup> Place
- Nate Phillips	Elementary	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
- Hayden Keyser	High School	Participant
- C. Regional Spelling Bee (Roanoke), 3/11/17 Vaden Lewis (Grade 7, MES) 5<sup>th</sup> Place
- D. BCBS FBLA Virginia Western Community College Regional Competition  
Eleven FBLA members competed on the regional level, eight students placed in 6 events and four qualified to compete on the state level in Reston, April 7-8, 2017.  
Sponsor: Jane McMullen  
Qualified for State
 

- Aly Durrett, Grace Hewitt, Molly Watkins	Management Decision Making	1 <sup>st</sup> Place
- Gabriella Reed	Journalism	1 <sup>st</sup> Place

 Students who Placed
 

- Ivy Barker	Business Communication	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
- Cole Nelson	Accounting	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
- Trevor Plecker	Public Speaking	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
- Katie Via	Health Care Administration	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place

 Other Participants
 

- Isaac Altizer	Personal Finance
- Kendall Keyser	Job Interview
- Destynie Lowry	Business Communication
- E. Celebration of the Arts 2017 - Alleghany County Public Schools, Bath County Public Schools, and Covington City Public Schools, March 25, 2017  
Members of the Alleghany High School and Bath County High School bands comprised the High School Celebration Band conducted by Scott Reese.



*Featuring*

**125-Piece K-12 Art Show**  
**5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration Chorus**  
**Middle School Celebration Band**  
**High School Celebration Band**  
**CMS 7-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus**  
**AHS Concert Choir**  
**AHS Treble Choir**

**Saturday, March 25, 2017**

**Art Show, 5:00pm**

**Concert, 7:00pm**

**Historic Masonic Theatre**



Scott Reese received his Bachelors degree in Music Education from Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond Kentucky. He Graduated with honors, being selected as Outstanding Music Major by Phi Mu Alpha Fraternity of Music. He served as Drum Major of the EKV Marching Colonels for four years and performed with the EKV Symphonic Band as a soloist and ensemble performer. He was also selected a one of the Kentucky Governors Musicians. Scott Reese received his Masters Degree in Music Education from Appalachian State University in Boone North Carolina. He graduated with honors in conducting. During his time at ASU, he was the principal conductor for the University Concert Band. He taught High School Band for 15 years, and during that time was honored as teacher of the year two times by Time Warner, and received additional honors by achieving over ten consecutive years of superior band ratings in both marching band and concert band. Mr. Reese founded the largest leadership camp for musicians on the west coast. The camp is famed for its innovative curriculum for teaching high school music students leadership skills. The camp is named

after Mr. Reese, and is honored to be in its twenty-seventh year of existence. Presently Scott Reese is active as a lecturer, adjudicator, and guest conductor throughout the country. After a Doctoral Degree in the ministry, he has devoted his life to the ministry. Presently, he is the Senior Pastor at Goshen Baptist Church, and founder of a successful radio, cd, and internet ministry that is active throughout the world. Mr. Reese is also the Executive Director of Grace Bible Camp & Retreat Center in Virginia.



Scott Humphries is the Assistant Professor of Music, Director of Instrumental Studies and Music Education, Conductor of the Manchester Symphony Orchestra and Manchester University Symphonic Band at Manchester University in Indiana. Scott Humphries received a B.M.Ed. from James Madison University and a M.A. from Virginia Tech. He is currently pursuing a D.M.A. at Boston University. Early in his career, Humphries led the Alleghany High School band program. In addition, he worked with the Roanoke Youth Symphony Orchestra for ten years and taught as a lecturer in music history for Dabney S. Lancaster Community College. He taught at the Virginia Tech Summer Music Camp from 1994-2009, listed as one of the top 200 summer youth activities in the country. Humphries has presented research at the Virginia Music Educators Association Convention, the Music Educators National Conference Convention, and has published research in the international journal *Psychology of Music*. His concert band and wind ensemble compositions have been published by MSB Publishing and Stephen Melillo. He is currently an assistant professor and director of instrumental studies and music

education, conducting the Manchester Symphony Orchestra and MU Symphonic Band. He also teaches all music education classes and is the saxophone professor. In 2011, he was appointed as the principle conductor for the Fort Wayne Area Community Band, and continues to serve in this capacity.



Since 1978 Barbara Wygal Lutz has been involved in many of the artistic endeavors of the Greenbrier Valley. After helping establish the Greenbrier Valley Chorale in 1990, she has since conducted the community choir in more than 60 concerts. Her work with young people includes being guest conductor and clinician to various choral groups, instructor of drama and music camps, director for student musical theater productions and seventeen years as a music educator at Alleghany High School in Virginia. Currently, she is on the faculty at Greenbrier East High School where she directs three choirs and is a piano lab and music theory instructor. Over the years, she appeared in and was musical director for productions with the Greenbrier Valley Theatre and the Charleston Light Opera Guild and has sung in many revues and benefits. She is a member of the American Choral Directors Association and the Music Educators National Conference. At West Virginia Wesleyan College she studied voice and conducting with Larry Parsons and has studied with such renowned conductors as Joseph Flummerfelt and Andrew Megill (Westminster Choir College) and Rene' Clausen (composer,

conductor, Concordia College). In 1997, Mrs. Lutz was selected by audition to perform in the prestigious Professional Training Workshop directed by the late Robert Shaw, singing Mendelssohn's Elijah at Carnegie Hall, New York. She lives in Lewisburg, WV with her husband, Joseph.

# Program

*To be selected from the following*

## **Middle School Celebration Band**

*Under the direction of Scott Humphries*

Scottish Air and Gig.....	Bernotas
Cherokee Rock.....	Humphries
Rowan Tree.....	Standridge
Ancient City of Stone.....	Vogel
Count to One.....	Melton

## **High School Celebration Band**

*Under the direction of Scott Reese*

Fanfare for the Common Man.....	Aaron Copland, arr. Longfield
On an American Spiritual.....	David Holsinger
Burn.....	Roland Barrett

## **Alleghany High School Winter Guard**

*Under the direction of Mary Persinger and Kaitlyn Miller*

The Planets.....	Holst
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***Intermission- 20 minutes***

*Refreshments are available in the lobby*

**Clifton Middle School Chorus**

*Under the direction of Kathryn Crutchfield*

*Accompanied by Joanne Hayslett*

- One Song.....Dave and Jean Perry
- Homeward Bound..... Marta Keen

**Alleghany High School Concert Choir and Treble Choir**

*Under the direction of Amanda Sprouse*

- “Down in the River to Pray”.....Traditional, arr. Culloton
- “Jabula Jesu”.....Zulu Folk Song, arr. Hatfield

*Amelia Kahle, Dalaynie Elmore, Rebekah Snedegar, percussion*

**5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration Chorus**

*Under the direction of Barbara Wygal Lutz*

*Accompanied by Joanne Hayslett*

- “Jubilate Deo”.....Psalm 65, music by Michael Praetorius
- “Swingin’ on a Star”.....Johnny Burke, James van Heusen, arr. Greg Gilpin
- “Winter Lullaby”.....Pink Zebra
- “Kusimama”.....Jim Papoulos

**Finale Performance**

*5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration Chorus, CMS Choir, AHS Choirs*

- “Mountain Lullaby”.....Groce

Parents/Guardians: Please stay seated after the finale. ALL elementary and middle school children will be taken back to the lower-level café to retrieve belongings. When your child’s school is called, please exit to the front lobby, and down the stairs to check-out your child. Families will exit out the back of the café to encourage one-way traffic.

Thank you.

# Celebration of the Arts Participating School Programs & Teachers

Alleghany High School Art.....	Courtney Horner
Alleghany High School Band.....	George Saunders
Alleghany High School Choir.....	Amanda Sprouse
Alleghany High School Winter Guard.....	Mary Persinger and Kaitlyn Miller
Bath County High School Band.....	Mindy Hooker
Callaghan Elementary School Art.....	Susan Clonch
Callaghan Elementary Choir.....	Tammy Crane
Clifton Middle School Art.....	Kaarn Thomas
Clifton Middle School Band.....	George Saunders
Clifton Middle School Choir.....	Kathryn Crutchfield
Covington High School Art.....	Heather Baker
Edgemont Primary Art.....	Jeanie Morrissette
Jeter-Watson Intermediate Art.....	Jeanie Morrissette
Jeter-Watson Intermediate Band.....	Anne Scruggs
Jeter-Watson Intermediate Choir.....	Anne Scruggs
Millboro Elementary School Band.....	Mindy Hooker
Mountain View Elementary Art.....	Cristi Miller
Mountain View Elementary Choir.....	Kaitlyn Miller
Sharon Elementary School Art.....	Susan Clonch
Sharon Elementary School Choir.....	Tammy Crane
Valley Elementary School Band.....	Mindy Hooker

# Celebration Art Show Participants

Event Logo Artwork: Emily Meadows

Music during art show: Madison Barnett and Marley Crawford

## AHS

Brent Barr  
Taylor Bowers  
Jayne Bradshaw  
Jacob Burdette  
Hollie Carter  
Mary Cottrell  
Falynd Crowder  
Ashton Downer  
Kerstyn Ford  
Christian Gavin  
Jacob Herwald  
Amelia Kahle  
Emily Karn  
Whitney Landis  
Gracie Leitch  
Abby Lodge  
Emily Meadows  
Stephanie Medina  
Macie Miller  
Brooke Snead  
Bayleigh Williamson  
Karrina Winston

## JWIS

Kaiya Bowles  
Nadia Berkholtz  
Heaven Chapman  
Katrina Elliott  
Cayden Evans  
Ariel Fleming  
Kyesha Godfrey  
Maleek Goode  
David Harrison  
Travis Hicks II  
Tanner Hoke  
Hailey Hall-Kinkaid  
Breanna Reynolds  
Emma Scott  
Grayson Siers  
Chadwick Tacy  
Desmond Taylor  
Gabriella Taylor  
Cassidy Williams

## CHS

Dakota Ayers  
Kate Barnett  
Madison Barnett  
Madison Bennett  
Austin Boguess  
McKayla Broughman  
Audrey Holestin  
Haley Kimberlin  
Morgan Myers  
Megan Motter  
Grace Nicely  
Maggie Smith  
Stacy Tacy  
Azyriah Thompson  
Whitney Webb  
Victoria Winters  
Katie Woodward  
Raven Yox

## CMS

Kadence Bradberry  
Susannah Borduas  
Trevor Broce  
Noah Brown  
Meghan Broughman  
Allie Caldwell  
Maddox Crance  
Erin Crowder  
Sidney Donnan  
Frank Fu  
Becca Gavin  
TeOnna Godfrey  
Allison Hepler  
Autumn Hickey  
Alexis Kern  
Kylie Muterspaugh  
Holly Silva  
Alyssa Taylor  
Dave Xue

## CES

Jordyn Bradshaw  
Mackenzie Broce  
Jaelynn Downey  
Jackson Dudley  
Hayden Fridley  
Hunter Fridley  
Maddie Harmon  
Landon Jones  
Branden Lodge  
Cassidy Matheney  
Walker McGrady  
Selina McMillion  
Kinsey Middleton  
Brandon Nickell  
Caydin Shinault  
Kardyn Skidmore  
Mariah Skidmore  
Christina Terrell  
Lennox Webb  
River Webb-Barger  
Allianna Wright

## SES

Presley Adams  
Faith Barren  
Emma Burley-Smith  
Alexis Campbell  
Evangelyn Clonch  
Riley Cosby  
Gabriel Craft  
Bryce Crawford  
Sidney Curtis  
Chase DePriest  
Hunter DePriest  
Levi Elmore  
Kimper Hoke  
Kaitlyn Kidd  
Hayden Knighton  
Lily Linkenhoker  
Sean Little  
Kara Nicely  
Zackary Nicely

## (SES cont'd)

Grace O'Byrne  
Emalee Potter  
Layla Stoots

## MVE

Sara Brewster  
Miranda Broughman  
Aiden Van Buren  
Abigail Bush  
Laken Cantrell  
Sophia Colwill  
Cameron Edwards  
Skyler Fridley  
Brooklyn Gaines  
Zane George  
Norah Jessee  
Trevor Jones  
Ian Kerns  
Emily Lanahan  
Lauren Liu  
Ben Milton  
Alayla Morgan  
Jacob Penn  
Autumn Sass  
Gavin Spinks  
Ava Taylor  
Charlotte Taylor  
Adam Tremblay  
Dawson Tucker  
Jackson Westfall

## EPS

Kensington Balsew  
Juliana Bowles  
Hannah Hensley

## Middle School Celebration Band

### FLUTE

Kaitlyn Hall, MES  
Aysia Massie, CMS  
Lydia Armentrout, CMS  
Jaymi Davis, CMS

### CLARINET

Sarah Eaton, MES  
Kimmy Graham, MES  
Paula Putnam, CMS  
Layla Booth, CMS  
Madeline Lane, CMS  
Megan Rickett, JWIS

### TROMBONE

Charles Bowen, CMS  
Arielle Dunaway, CMS  
Desmond Taylor, JWIS

### TRUMPET

Matthew Keyser, VES  
Lettie Alphin, MES  
Brandon Willard, CMS  
Hattie Davis, CMS

### HORN

Nathan Davis, CMS

### BARITONE

Satiri McDonald, CMS  
Karrigan Black, CMS

### TUBA

Jordan Davis, CMS  
CJ Simmons, CMS

### ALTO SAX

Alexis Panther, CMS  
Caydance Ramsey, CMS

### TENOR SAX

Jordan Cotrell, CMS

### BARI SAX

Maryemma Shifflett, CMS

### PERCUSSION

Kyle Reed, VES  
Jeffrey Harris, CMS  
Garret Lawrence, CMS  
Barrett Propps, CMS

## High School Celebration Band

### FLUTE

Emma Marshall, BCHS  
Katie Rexrode, BCHS  
Ashlyn Liptrap, BCHS  
Kaitlin Arnold, BCHS  
Kerstyn Ford, AHS  
Madison Ferris, AHS  
Melissa Howdershelt, AHS

### CLARINET

Mary Dressler, BCHS  
Mackenzie Weaver, BCHS  
Gabbi Reed, BCHS  
Kayden Gwin, BCHS  
Samantha Paxton, AHS  
Makayla Bowker, AHS  
Khrea Hernandez, AHS

### BASS CLARINET

Megan Lewis, AHS

### OBOE

Josh Saville, AHS  
Kelly Rock, AHS

### TROMBONE

Travis Hall, BCHS  
Utah Kershner, BCHS  
Colton Taylor, AHS

### TRUMPET

Jordan Marshall, BCHS  
John Heffler, BCHS  
Ella DeBoe, BCHS  
Colby Lowry, BCHS  
Justin Clark, AHS  
Keely Lowman, AHS

### HORN

Travis Braxton, BCHS  
Tye Hooker, BCHS  
Rebekah Snedegar, AHS

### ALTO SAX

Lindsay Dufour, BCHS  
Steve Gardener Jr., BCHS  
Macie Miller, AHS  
Logan Robertson, AHS

### TENOR SAX

Allan Kimmel, BCHS

### BARI SAX

Stephanie Leggett, AHS

### BARITONE

Ethan Essex, BCHS  
Nevada Kershner, BCHS  
Margaret Donnan, AHS  
Taylor Bowers, AHS

### TUBA

Caleb Reist, BCHS

### PERCUSSION

Kendall Keyser, BCHS  
Wyatt Harmon, BCHS  
Amelia Kahle, AHS  
Trevor Cox, AHS  
Courtney Hubbard, AHS



## Clifton Middle School Chorus

### 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

Evan Brown  
Alana Burch  
Sabrina Burks  
Brianna Byrd  
Tanner Close  
Randall Deschler  
Bailey Fridley  
Alyssa Herstine  
Josh Hyler  
Chloe Lewis  
Ruth Linsin  
Destiny Marks

Sara Moses  
Jazmine Nicely  
Alexis Ostling  
Amber Persinger  
Nikayla Richardson  
Lisa Simmons  
Hannah Smith  
Marvin Thompson  
Kaitlyn Trimble  
Haylee Tucker  
Malia Whittington

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Emma Allen  
Kaylin Boggs  
Meghan Broughman  
Delaney Cales  
London Critzer  
Emily Fertig  
Breanna Fridley  
Jessica Gadd  
Jonkel Humphreys  
Jonathan Leitch  
Cory Marshall

Kassandra Martin  
Gabriel Meadows  
Hayley Paitsel  
Logan Pritts  
Bailey Ramsey  
Mackenzie  
Richardson  
Heidi Rogers  
Angela Schilling  
Holly Silva  
Justice Smith

## Alleghany High School Treble Choir

Kelsey Ailstock  
Julia Bell  
Tatiana Bolden  
Emilee Booze  
Meghan Craft  
Lindsay Dunbar  
Ashlyn Frazier

Megan Harris  
Hannah Leitch  
Allison Lodge  
Victoria Lucas  
Kayla Mailliard  
Tia McDaniel  
Kelsey Moses

Camryn Nicely  
Shantae Petty  
Shantell Petty  
Abby Rogers  
Grace Sales  
Courtney Simmons  
Erin Smith

Hannah Tingler  
Karly Tingler  
Kiersten Tucker  
Lauren Vacey  
Amia Washington  
Madison Wiseman  
Ivy Witchey

## Alleghany High School Concert Choir

Carry Ailstock  
Richard Arthur-Merow  
Brent Barr  
Tatiana Bolden  
Marley Booth  
Danielle Conner  
Meghan Craft  
Mikayla Davis  
Sebastian Dawson  
Joseph DeLong

Dalaynie Elmore  
Austin Frazier  
Dylan Gibson  
Skyler Hamrick  
Harley Hill  
Jared Hippert  
Emily Hoffman  
Janya Jackson  
Amelia Kahle  
Chris Kirkland

Patricia Lee  
Stephanie Leggett  
Justin Leitch  
Brianna Lipham  
Dakota Narum  
Camryn Nicely  
Sequoia Nightfeather  
Xavier Reid  
Breeze Riley  
Lamar Samuel

Courtney Simmons  
Rebekah Snedegar  
Xavier Storey  
Jasmine Thornton  
Ethan Tingler  
Kiersten Tucker  
Kyle Tucker  
Jamie Woodie  
Josh Woodie  
Victoria Wright

## 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration Choir

### CES

Shanna Adkins  
Joslin Bayles,  
alternate  
Sydney Broce,  
alternate  
Sammy Brookman  
Brianna Brown  
Macyn Cash  
Caydin Shinault  
Christina Terrell

### JWIS

Kaiya Bowles  
Gabriel Chapman  
Heaven Chapman  
Genesis Fidler  
Hannah Groves  
Travis Hicks II  
Sara Pelkey  
Breanna Reynolds  
Harlie Reynolds  
Isiah Rider  
Trinity Scott  
Amara Shelton  
Lennon Shelton  
Grayson Siers  
Gabriela Taylor  
Riley Walker  
Kirsten Weinger

### CMS

Mia Bailey  
Rylee Bowyer  
Sidney Donnan  
Nathan Downey  
Carmen Dunbar  
Emma Gardiner  
Isabelle Hall  
McKenzie Honts  
Kellen Lowman  
Michael May  
Faith Meadows  
Katelyn Meadows  
Trinity Meekins  
Megan McHenry  
Jacy Murat  
Cyani Ottey  
Ethan Roark  
Adam Sampson  
Remington Tucker  
Garrett Via

### SES

Maria Angle  
Andrew Boothe  
Canyia' Burks  
Kendal Madison  
Madilen Nicely  
Haley Nicely, alternate  
Rachel Nicely, alternate  
Baylee Peters  
Hunter Smith, alternate

### MVE

Lillie Brie  
America Godfrey  
Emily Lanahan  
Draven Lucas  
Nicole McCormick  
Sophia Moran  
Sadie Moye  
Kaidence Nicely  
Finley Ramsey  
Lilliana Wright

## Alleghany High School Winter Guard

Marley Booth  
Tyler Dawson  
Kerstyn Ford  
Khrea Hernandez

Amelia Kahle  
Kelly Rock  
Josh Saville, captain

**So that all members of the audience may enjoy tonight's performance,  
please observe the following suggestions:**

- Please turn off all cell phones and other electronic devices upon entering the auditorium. DO NOT text during the concert.
- Please do not talk during the performance. It is distracting to other members of the audience and is disrespectful to the performers.
- If you must leave the auditorium during the performance, please do so during the interludes when no one is performing; likewise, please re-enter the hall only between musical selections, not during the performance.
- If small children become noisy, please remove them from the auditorium immediately.
- Please show the highest respect to our students who have worked so hard to present this evening's performance.

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

Historic Masonic Theater

True Value, Clifton Forge

WestRock

Vic's Restaurant

Bella Pizza

Trani's Grill

Kroger, Clifton Forge

Subway, Covington

Club Car

43 Deli

Larry Hipes, Master of Ceremonies

Pearl Miller

Paul and Mary Linkenhoker

Robbie Hepler

## **ALLEGHANY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Eugene Kotulka, superintendent

Alleghany County School Board

ACPS Central Office Staff

AHS Administration: Dwayne Ross, Thomas Dobbs, Joy McDonald, Garry Marshall

CMS Administration: Kim Crandall, Amy Dew

Mountain View Elementary Administration: April Easton, Karen Staunton

Sherman Callahan, Sharon Elementary principal

Nancy Moga, Callaghan Elementary principal

## **BATH COUNTY SCHOOLS**

Sue Hirsch, superintendent

Bath County School Board

Sarah Rowe, Bath County High School principal

Allison Hicklin, Millboro Elementary principal

Steve Sizemore, Valley Elementary principal

## **COVINGTON CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Melinda Snead-Johnson, superintendent

Covington City School Board

CHS Administration: Derek Cantrell, Chris Jones

Rob Bennett, Jeter-Watson Intermediate principal

Cynthia Morgan, Edgemont Primary principal

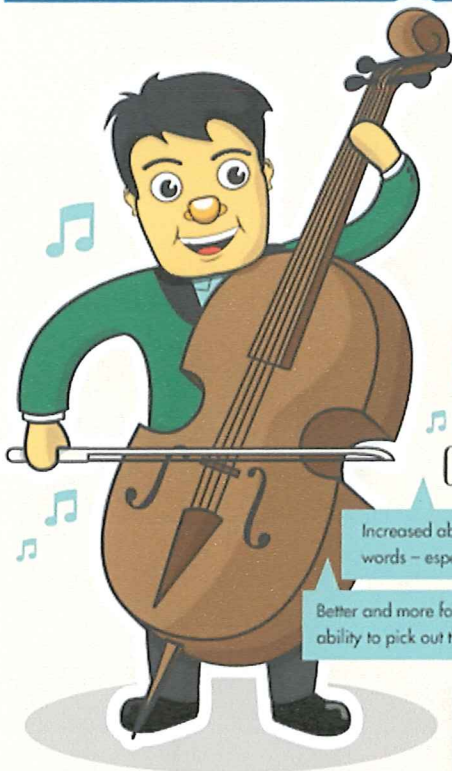
# **SUCCESSFUL ARTS PROGRAMS**

# **INVOLVE THE WHOLE COMMUNITY**

# WHY MUSIC? The Many Benefits of a Musical Education

With school funding shortages leading to cuts across the board, music education programs may fall by the wayside. However, because music learning yields so many benefits to students, these programs are far too valuable to lose.

## Benefits to the Brain and General Learning Skills



*Music learning involves active engagement and discipline, resulting in far-reaching benefits to the brain that may include:*



Improved reading skills



A better vocabulary



Stronger neural activation in native language



of preschool children studied showed increased verbal intelligence after just 20 days of musical training<sup>1</sup>

### Other verbal benefits observed:<sup>2</sup>

Increased ability to incorporate the sound patterns of a new language into words – especially helpful for students for whom English is a second language

Better and more focused listening skills, including the ability to pick out the most important auditory signals

Better auditory memory and attention

### ENHANCED FINE MOTOR SKILLS



Musical training develops the part of the brain associated with sensory and motor function

May enable students to better write, use a computer, and interact with their learning environment<sup>3</sup>



Superior working and long-term memory.<sup>5</sup>

### Better preparation for learning math and abstract thinking skills,<sup>4</sup>

Music strengthens the same part of the brain used for complex math skills

One study found that students who had received formal musical instruction greatly outperformed their peers in basic algebra

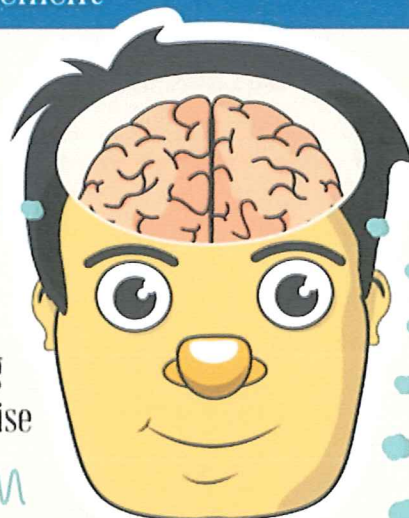


## Benefits to Academic Achievement

*All the benefits of the neural workout and discipline from musical training may translate into real, positive results in schoolwork.*



Music training may improve listening ability, and allow children to more effectively filter out noise in a loud classroom <sup>6</sup>



This becomes especially helpful for students with learning disorders, who may be more distracted by background noise



In 2007, elementary school students in top-quality music programs scored

22%

higher in English



20%

higher in math than students in deficient music programs <sup>7</sup>



In 2010, students who took 4 years of arts and music

classes in high school scored

102

points higher on their SATs <sup>8</sup>

**MUSIC AND ARTS EDUCATION CAN BE ESPECIALLY BENEFICIAL TO LOW-INCOME STUDENTS.** <sup>9</sup>

The NEA found that compared to those with low arts education, low-income students with high amounts of arts education:

Scored higher in writing and science




Were more likely to participate in extracurricular activities


Were more likely to enroll in a moderately or highly selective 4-year college



Had a higher GPA



Were 5X  less likely to drop out of high school

Were 3X  more likely to earn a bachelor's degree





This points to arts and music education as a way to help close the achievement gap



## Benefits to Life Skills and Personal Enrichment

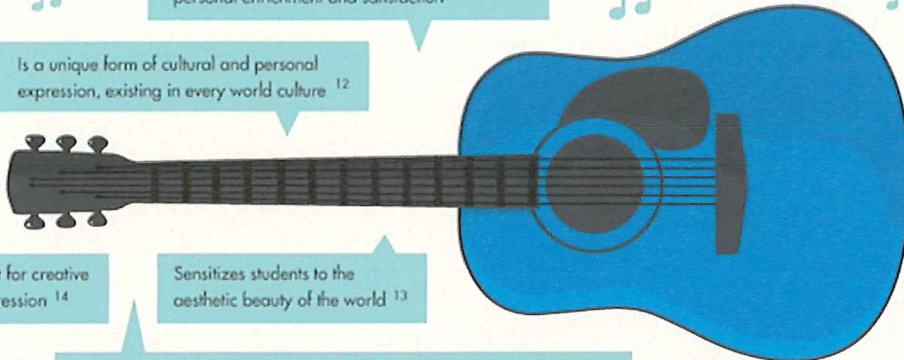
Arts-engaged low-income students were more likely than those without arts engagement to have:<sup>11</sup>

-  Attended and done well in college
-  Obtained employment with future growth
-  Participated in the political process by voting
-  Volunteered in their communities

Aside from the scholastic benefits, musical training can benefit children in other important ways, such as:<sup>10</sup>

-  Increased self-esteem 
-  Better attentiveness and perseverance 
-  More enjoyment and creativity 
-  Better study habits 

### AND OF COURSE, MUSIC EDUCATION IS BENEFICIAL IN ITS OWN RIGHT! MUSIC:



Can be a lifelong passion, leading to on-going personal enrichment and satisfaction<sup>15</sup>

Is a unique form of cultural and personal expression, existing in every world culture<sup>12</sup>

Provides an outlet for creative thinking and expression<sup>14</sup>

Sensitizes students to the aesthetic beauty of the world<sup>13</sup>

Is a unique form of intelligence, creating the capacity to think in musical terms, hear and recognize patterns, and perhaps manipulate them<sup>16</sup>



Music is a way that students can experience (as cellist and conductor Pablo Casals said) the “incredible marvel” of being a human!<sup>17</sup>