

# *MGS BAND NEWSLETTER*

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**Congratulations to Our Graduating 8<sup>th</sup>  
Grade!!!  
Thanks for A Great Year!!  
I Will Miss You ALL!!!**

**WHAT A YEAR!!!** I think we can all look back on this past year and be very proud of the members of the MGS BANDS. We brought back the marching, pep and jazz bands. This worked out very well. We also maintained the high quality of our concert bands. What does all this boil down to? Simply put, we are very fortunate to have such a strong program. Your children are the real winners on all accounts. I would like to thank all the parents, administration and community for the incredible support you show to YOUR band program.

**Fifth Grade Band-YEAH BAND!!!** This band has done an incredible job this year. If you missed hearing this band you still have two more chances left. The Spring Concert is May 3 at 7:00. Band members should meet in the band room at 6:30. The fifth grade band will give their final performance of the year at the DARE graduation. The graduation is scheduled for May 18 in the gym. The band will be performing during the ceremony. Band members will participate in the ceremony with their classes also. Please make sure your student remembers his instrument and music for both of these performances. Thanks for your cooperation, I really appreciate your help! Please make sure your student is practicing his or her instrument this summer. Three months is a long time to go without getting the horn out. I will need your help and support so that students do not fall behind over this break!

**Sixth Grade Band-**The Sixth Grade Band gave an excellent performance at the spring concert. This band has really pulled together this year. If you have not seen them yet you have been missing out. Your chance is not over yet! The 6th

Grade Band will also be combining with the Jr. High for a Graduation Band at the eighth grade graduation. The eighth grade graduation is Wednesday, May 16 at 7:00. Sixth grade band members should meet in the band room at 6:00. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to give me a call. Please make sure your student is practicing over the summer.

**Jr. High Band-WHAT A BAND!!!** This band has done a super job this year. They gave an incredible spring concert! However, we still have a lot of work to do before the year is over. The band will also be playing at the eighth grade graduation. This is Wednesday, May 16 at 7:00. Band members need to be in the band room at 6:00. Congratulations to all those graduating! If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call me.

**New Band Shirts-**That's right....we are designing new band shirts for next year. The new shirt will be designed by one of our very own talented band members. All band members may submit a design. The only stipulations are that it must be for a white t-shirt with black and red lettering. All designs are due to Ms.Trotter by Friday, May 4. The band will then vote on the best design. The winner will get a free t-shirt and their design will be used for next year's band shirt. Please see Miss Trotter for further details. Good Luck!

**Recorders-**The Spring Concert is just around the corner. It is scheduled for May 3 at 7:00!! Recorders should meet in the cafeteria at 6:45. Next year your students will have the exciting opportunity of joining our band program. Please mark these dates on your calendar. (see calendar at the end of the newsletter)

**Jr. High Jazz Band-**Excellent performance at the concert! It takes a lot of dedication to get up early to go to rehearsal. This band has two more performances. The Jr. High Jazz Band has been invited to perform by the Peoria County Regional Superintendent of Schools to perform for the 33rd Annual Arts In Education Spring Celebration at the Monument in downtown Peoria. We will be performing Monday, May 7 from 11:50-12:20 at the Monument in downtown Peoria. If you get a chance, come down and hear us over your lunch hour. We would love to see you! Over 17,000 students from 135 schools will perform, demonstrate and exhibit their programs in Fine Arts and Applied Arts during the four-week event. This project is sponsored by the Peoria County Regional Office of Education, Gerald M. Brookhart, Superintendent. Funding is provided by Caterpillar, Enc., First of America Bank, Bank One, South Side Trust and Savings Bank, Commerce Bank, Magna Bank, Peoria Arts and Sciences Council, Illinois Arts Council, Illinois American Water Company and WMBDTV-Radio.

**Jazz Band II-**This band has also been invited to perform for the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Arts in Education Spring Celebration by the Peoria Regional Superintendent of Schools. We will be performing May 7 from 11:50-12:20 at the Monument in downtown Peoria.

**Jazz Night**-Mark your calendars....Friday, May 11th at 6:00 will be the sixth annual jazz/open microphone night at MGS. All jazz bands will be performing and eli's coffee will be catering. This will be an awesome night!! Don't miss out!

**Way To Go-** This year's award winners are Most Improved 6th Grade Musicians-Makenna Reeves and Samuel Stamm, Most Improved 7th Grade Musician-Noah Sanders, Most Improved 8th Grade Musicians-Bryn Bates, Most Improved Colorguard –Korina Crandell, Outstanding Colorguard Member-Ashley Strehlow, Robby Kern Memorial Award-Connor Bidne and Angelina Jones, and Outstanding Musician-Ian Bonk and Emma Blunier. Way to Go!

**Drum Major Tryouts**-Drum major tryouts are upon us once again. Any 6th or 7th grade student may tryout. Please sign up on the band office window. See Ms Trotter for details.

### **MGS Band Calendar**

May 3	Jr. High Band Assembly
May 3	4 <sup>th</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Spring Concert
May 4	Jr. High Band to St. Louis
May 7	Jazz Bands perform at Arts in Education Spring Celebration
May 11	Jazz Night
May 16	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation
May 18	Recorder Assembly
May 18	DARE Graduation
May 23	Recorder Pizza Party

# **MGS**

# **Academy of Music**

Due to a great deal of interest from students and parents instrumental music lessons will be offered at MGS this summer. Lessons will be offered on the following instruments:

**Flute**

**Oboe**

**Clarinet**

**Saxophone**

**French Horn**

**Trumpet**

**Trombone**

**Baritone**

**Tuba**

**Mallet (keyboard) Percussion**

**Snare Drum**

**Drum Set**

**Guitar**

**Piano**

Lessons will be once a week for half an hour. If you are interested please contact Ms Trotter at [dtrotter@schools.mtco.com](mailto:dtrotter@schools.mtco.com) ASAP. A limited number of spots are available!