On December 11th, the Beverly singers performed at the Coney Night Fundraiser at Beverly Elementary. The group is directed by Beth Buchanan and has thirty-six 5th grade students who love to sing!

Beverly Singers also performed at the Birmingham winter market in early December.
West Maple’s Honor Choir has been taking the Birmingham community by storm!

On February 9th they performed at the Oakland Community College basketball game.

The Choir also sang at Sunrise Nursing Home in Bloomfield Hills over the holiday season.

Great Work Mrs. Jill Rirchardson and the wonderful West Maple Honor’s Choir!

In December the Quarton Honor’s Choir the “Q-Tones” performed at a local nursing home. Mrs. Buchanan also led the choir in a caroling trip throughout the Quarton neighborhood to spread cheer!

Pierce Students and Dr. Manovski get excited about adding technology to the music classroom!
On January 9th, Seaholm choir students were led in a Yoga session by parent volunteer Don Peasley. The session was an innovative way for students to get comfortable and confident with different breathing techniques used while singing.

Go Maple Choir!

Hello Dolly!
Seaholm’s 2019 Musical was a huge success! Hello Dolly ran for two weekends in February. On February 7th, the cast invited over 600 middle school students from Derby and BCS to observe a performance during the school day!

Many congratulations on a job well done to the student Cast, Crew, and Pit Musicians. We thank Mrs. Erickson, Ms. Theis, Ms. Wolfe and Mr. Hammell for all their hard work and leadership!!
February 14th through the 20th the Seaholm Band Program went to Orlando, Florida! Students had the opportunity to visit Universal Studios, Disney Parks and perform through the Disney Performing Arts Workshop. Disney offers a series of wonderful performance opportunities which include marching through Magic Kingdom! Mr. Cibor and Ms. Wolfe took over 70 students on this trip.

Aloha! Over 50 Groves Band students performed in Hawaii over Mid-Winter Break. Led under the instruction of Mr. Burkett and Mr. Smith the Groves Band had the opportunity to perform on the deck of the historic USS Missouri battleship on Presidents Day and participate in a clinic at the University of Hawaii. The week was packed with activities that included canoeing and swimming on Waikiki Beach, Hiking Diamond Head, and a visit to Kualoa Ranch and Secret Island.
CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL BPS MSBOA AND MSVMA FESTIVAL PERFORMERS!

Band and Orchestra Festival is an opportunity for ensembles from schools to perform a program of three pieces for adjudication, one of which must be from MSBOA’s required list. District-level festivals are held at the end of February through the beginning of March. Each group is evaluated by three performance judges and one sight-reading judge.

Ensembles are rated on a scale from 1 to 5 with 1 being the highest rating possible. The overall score is computed using a formula which combines the ratings of each judge. Ensembles that earn an overall 1 rating (or “Superior”) are qualified for State Band & Orchestra Festival which is held in late April or early May.

**Berkshire**

**Orchestra**
- 7th Grade Orchestra led by Mr. Smith - 1 Superior
- 8th Grade Orchestra led by Mr. Shawver - 1 Superior

**Band**
- 8th Grade Band led by Mr. Burkett - 2 Excellent

**Choir**
- Berkshire Choir led by Mrs. Priebe - TBD March 15th!

**Groves**

**Orchestra**
- Concert Orchestra led by Mr. Shawver - 1 Superior
- Symphony Orchestra led by Mr. Shawver - 1 Superior

**Band**
- Concert Band led by Mr. Burkett - 1 Superior
- Symphony Band led by Mr. Burkett - 1 Superior

**Choir**
- Groves Choir led by Ms. Priebe - 1 Superior

**Derby**

**Orchestra**
- 8th Grade Orchestra led by Mr. Karpinsky - 1 Superior

**Band**
- 7th Grade Band led by Ms. Barclay - 2 Excellent
- 8th Grade Band led by Ms. Barclay - 1 Superior

**Choir**
- 6th Grade Combined led by Ms. Theis - comments only
- 7th and 8th Grade Choir led by Ms. Theis - TBD March 23rd!

**Seaholm**

**Orchestra**
- Concert Orchestra led by Mr. Karpinsky - 1 Superior
- Symphony Orchestra led by Mr. Karpinsky - 1 Superior

**Choir**
- Seaholm Choir led by Ms. Theis - 1 Superior

**KUDOS** to Mr. Shawver and Mr. Smith for hosting the Section 6 MSBOA all orchestra site at Groves High school on March 2nd! Orchestras from Birmingham, Farmington, Ferndale, Royal Oak and West Bloomfield all attended!
The Michigan Music Conference features school ensemble concerts, performances from Honors Choirs, All-State Bands, and Orchestras; sessions for in-service and pre-service teachers; professional development clinics; hands-on technology workshops; and association membership and business meetings. The 2019 attendance included approximately 9,000 teachers, administrators, students, speakers, and guests.

2nd Annual Tri-City Band Concert
Groves Auditorium
February 27th, 2019

Groves, Seaholm and Bloomfield Hills Bands Perform for one another in preparation of Festival!

All about that
January 23rd-26th was the 14th annual Michigan Music Conference in Grand Rapids, MI.

Two sessions were presented by BPS staff!

9:00 AM - 9:45 AM
CREATING A COMMUNITY: NAVIGATING AS A WOMAN THROUGH THE WORLD OF MUSIC EDUCATION.
Presenter(s): Sarah Barclay, Birmingham Public Schools; Grace Wolfe, Seaholm High School; Olivia Zang, Birmingham Public Schools; Alison Hendrickx, Huron High School
Presenter: Jeannie Igash, Ovid-Elsie Public Schools
From job interviews to concert dress, women’s day-to-day experiences along this career path include much more than fixing an instrument or picking repertoire. This session is the beginning of a community of female educators who can learn from each other, support each other, collaborate, and begin to change the status quo. Come and join the discussion!
Target Audience: Choral, Elementary, Strings, Band
Audience: Elementary, MS/JH, High School

8:00 AM - 8:45 AM
TECHNOLOGY IN THE CHOIR CLASSROOM
Presenter(s): Ann Marie Theis, Birmingham Public Schools
Presenter: Elise Dimwood, Monroe Middle School
Come learn about how to integrate Google Classroom, Google Forms, Recording Applications, Snap Chat, Google Drive and other applications can help you maximize in the classroom. Learn how to collect data and seamlessly give informal and formal assessments online and so much more. This session is designed to help you use technology to make the most of your time and to help you stay organized.
Target Audience: Choral, Technology, General Education
Audience: MS/JH, High School

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Sarah Barclay, Grace Wolfe and Olivia Zang with Female Panel consisting of Dr. Kate Fitzpatrick (Music Ed Professor at UM), Dr. Arris Golden (Director of MSU Marching Band) and Courtney Snyder (Director of Bands at UM)
Spring’s Orchestra

March is such a bluster month—
And yet I think I hear,
Beneath the clamor a little voice,
Crying, “Oh, be of cheer!”
This melody of terrific sounds,
This banging, far and near,
Is just the orchestra of spring,
Announcing she is here!

But in a moment there is heard
A sweeter, softer tune,
A melody that hints of birds,
And of an April moon.
A melody that whispers sweetly,
Flowers are coming soon,
Apple blossoms buds and daisies
Mingle with this tune.

So when I hear the banging sounds
With which March comes and goes,
I only smile for now, you see,
I know why this wind blows.
He is the orchestra of spring
That heralds the bud and rose.
When he has finished his overture,
Then March packs up and goes.

By, Lenore Hetrick

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