

Friends of Hanover Music Newsletter

May, 2014

Upcoming Events:

May 2-3: Jr. SEMSBA Festival, Band and Chorus

May 6: 7:00pm, FHM Meeting, HHS Band Room

May 8: 7:00pm, HMS (Grades 6-8) Spring Concert, HMS Gym

May 14: 7:00pm, HMS Korus Spring Concert

May 15: 7:30pm, HHS Band Spring Concert

May 17 & 18: Cedar School's productions of The Little Mermaid Jr. (see flyer, pg. 2 for details)

May 22: 9:30am and 1:30pm, HMS Grade 5 (and 6) Spring Concert

May 22: 7:30pm, HHS Choirs Spring Concert

May 23: 9:00am and 10:30am, Center School, Grade 1 Memorial Day Show

May 26: 9:00am, Memorial Day Parade (HHS Marching Band)

May 27: 6:00pm, HHS Music Awards Banquet

May 29: 7:00pm, Cedar School Spring Concert

Important Links:

HHS Band: [HHS Band Website](#)

HHS Choirs: [HHS Choirs Website](#)

HMS Band: [HMS Band Website](#)

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<http://www.hanoverschools.org/community/fhm>

April Showers Bring May Concerts



We think you'll agree that we all needed a little vacation this past month. Students, teachers, and even parents welcomed a break from the routine in April to refresh, recharge batteries, and prepare for the last few weeks of the school year.

As you can see by the list to the left, all our schools have concerts scheduled in May. It is a wonderful opportunity not only to hear some great music, but also to witness the progress the kids have made since the first concerts last fall. From the elementary school kids who sing a little louder, with a little more confidence, or play the recorder with fewer squeaks, to the high school Jazz Ensemble nailing the chart they've been working on for weeks, you'll hear sounds that have become music. Please do yourself a favor and attend a concert or two this month!



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Ticket Sales Information

Ticket sales for **Families of Performers Only** will be held at Cedar School on:

Tuesday, May 6th 4PM-5:30PM

Wednesday, May 7th 6PM – 8PM

Friday, May 9th 4:30PM-6PM

Tickets sales for the **General Public** will be available:

At the Office of Family & Community Engagement, Room 2

Salmond School, 188 Broadway

9AM – 3PM daily Monday, May 12th through Friday, May 16th

Performances will be on

Saturday, May 17th at 2:00PM & 6:00PM

And Sunday, May 18th at 2:00PM

in the Hanover High School Auditorium

Tickets are \$5 each





SCHOOL NOTES



Hanover High School Vocals

KATE BERTELLI, Director of Choral Music

Wow! It's already halfway through April! Where has the time gone???

A big thank you to all the parents/chaperones that came out to support Concert Chorus and VOX at MICCA festival on April 5th. Students in both groups had been meticulously preparing for this concert, and the results were evident. Both ensembles performed beautifully, and received many great comments from the adjudicators. There is nothing better than having another musician congratulate you on a job well done and say that they enjoyed listening to your performance. For our performances, Concert Chorus received a silver medal and VOX received a gold medal; more than that, students made another great memory while a part of the Music Department here at Hanover High School. I'm so proud of all of the hard work put in by students this whole year and am simply delighted to have been able to share in such a great memory.

If you would like to order ensemble photos taken at the MICCA competition you can go to: www.joleschenterprises.com, or email mark@joleschenterprises.com to fill out the appropriate forms.

Sr. SEMSBA was a great success this past weekend! Students worked hard, sounded good, and the conductors were awesome.

Auditions for VOX will be on Tuesday 5/13 and Wednesday 5/14 during break 9am-9:30am or Friday 5/16 at 12:00pm. Sign-ups and audition pieces will be posted/available outside the music office after vacation. Any student needing a different audition time will need to see me to schedule a time.

Our final concert for the year is our spring concert on May 22nd at 7:30pm in the HHS auditorium. This concert will feature popular tunes of both "today" and "yesterday," and is sure to have something for everyone. Come help us celebrate the last concert for Seniors and wish them well in their future endeavors.

Earlier in April, VOX had the opportunity to perform at Mechanics Hall in Worcester MA as part of the MICCA Gold-Medal Showcase. Mechanics hall is rated one of the top 4 performance halls in America, and it was definitely apparent why. The hall itself had absolutely gorgeous architecture and acoustics that are ideal for any performer. It was quite an experience to perform for our friends, family, and other educators across the state in such a fine performance venue. Thank you to all that came in support of our young musicians.



Hanover Middle School Instrumentals

JULIENNE THORNELL, Director of Instrumental Music

On April 15, the HMS 7th/8th Grade Band traveled to Boston to perform at the State House. 96 students played beautifully at the Grand Staircase, under the direction of Mrs. Julienne Thornell, and hosted by Representative Rhonda Nyman. They were outstanding, not only on their instruments, but also in the way they conducted themselves throughout the day. Among the works performed were *The Star Spangled Banner*, *This Is My Country*, *Anchors Aweigh*, and John Philip Sousa's *The Washington Post*. After the program, students were treated to a tour of the State House. Thank you to Representative Nyman for giving us this opportunity, and thank you to our supportive friends and family members who chaperoned or met us there to hear the students.



Check your calendars; our Spring Concerts are right around the corner! We hope to see you there!

Thursday, May 8 **Grades 6-8 Concert** 7:00 pm, HMS Gym

Thursday, May 22 **Grade 5 Concert** 9:30am & 1:30pm, HMS Gym

(6th grade band will also perform during the 5th grade concert on Thursday, May 22. Anyone unable to see 6th grade band on May 8 is welcome to attend the May 22 performance at 9:30am or 1:30pm.)



Center/Sylvester School

DUSTIN LINDSEY, Director of Music

At Center/Sylvester, students have been performing in concerts, singing about one of our favorite spring guests, preparing for a Memorial Day show, brushing up our skills for a spring chorus concert, and singing/playing take me out to the ball game on a real baseball diamond!



As Kindergarten students are becoming more and more comfortable singing in smaller groups, we have been exploring music about spring. Last week, we explored high and low sounds that spring brings; bumblebees (high) and dogs barking (low). They learned the song, "Hummingbird, Hummingbird," and used a microphone to sing in small groups. They then performed for their classroom teachers.

The First Grade students just finished up a unit about the "Star Spangled Banner," and are now beginning work on their Memorial Day Show (May 23rd). During the concert preparation, students will learn many patriotic songs written in America over the course of our country's history, and will also learn about the time that the songs were written and why they are important to our nation.

Our Second Grade students recently performed for two standing-room only audiences, during their Culture Show. The students rehearsed, and rehearsed, and rehearsed some more to put on two wonderful programs. They are now starting to look at the basics of reading music, and performing this music with classroom instruments. The first instrument that the students will explore is called the *Boomwhacker*. This percussion instrument will be a perfect lead-in instrument to the mallet played xylophone and metallophone.

The Third Grade classes are continuing work on the recorder. This coming week they will be handed a packet of exercises to practice, which will help them develop skills that they will be able to use as they move into 4th grade, and even into middle and high school. The packet is set up in levels and the goal is that each student will perform the exercises live to me and then move on to the next level. As they finish a level there is a chart in the classroom that shows where each student is at, and will help track their progression for both students and myself to see.

The Fourth Graders at Center/Sylvester are busy at working preparing musical selections for their Spring Concert (June 4th at 9am and 7pm) **MARK IT ON YOUR CALENDARS**. Currently, the students are working on a lovely program piece entitled *The River Sleeps Beneath the Sky*. The song is based on the poem *Sunset* by one of the first internationally recognized African American poets, Paul Laurence Dunbar (1872-1906). This is just one of the many pieces that will be performed in the final concert of the year, and stay tuned to the next FHM newsletter for a glimpse at another piece to be performed.

Important Upcoming Events @ Center/Sylvester Elementary

Grade 1 *Memorial Day Show* (May 23rd, at 9:00am and 10:30am)

Grade 4 *Spring Concert* (June 4th, at 9am and 7pm)

Cedar School

PAULA McMAHON, Director of Music

Hello from cedar school!

Coming out of Spring vacation kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grades are singing, moving, and listening to music that makes us think about what Spring brings...such as butterflies and flowers, dancing out in the fresh air , chicks coming out of their eggs and going on picnics in the park.

2nd graders have added two new notes and rests to their musical vocabulary; the half and whole notes. When we return after vacation we'll be writing songs using all the notes we've learned this year.

3rd grade is continuing with recorders. We're looking forward to parents coming in June to hear us play. They will hear solos, duets and ensemble pieces. Everyone gets to play.

4th grade is busy practicing for our Spring Concert on May 29th at 7pm.

Mark your calendar.... you don't want to miss it!

Hanover Day is coming June 21st! Auditions will be held soon for performers - take the stage at Hanover Day and show the whole town your talent! Please like their Facebook page "Hanover's Got Talent - Massachusetts" for updates! Auditions have been scheduled for May 7th at 4pm at HHS!





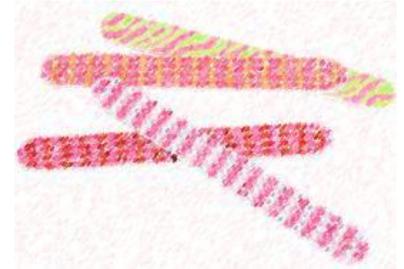
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Sophia Nail Spa

**293 Washington St.
(In the strip mall by the Fours parking lot)**

781 659-5888

Mention that you are with Friends of Hanover Music and Sophia Nail Spa will give 5% of the proceeds from your services to FHM! Student discounts are also available, so visit soon!



**PLEASE JOIN US AT OUR NEXT MEETING OF THE
FRIENDS OF HANOVER MUSIC**

TUESDAY May 6, 2014

7:00pm

IN THE HANOVER HIGH SCHOOL BAND ROOM

And as always, thank you for your support!