

**Recognition
Board of Trustee Meeting
February 17, 2015**

HARPOOL MIDDLE SCHOOL

Harpool Band to perform at Music for All National Festival

Harpool Middle School's Symphonic Band will be performing at the 2015 Music for All National Festival in Indianapolis this coming March.

The Harpool Symphonic Band is one of only five middle school bands from across the United States selected to perform at this year's festival. Harpool, which will be the first Denton County middle school invited to perform at the festival, was selected to perform by a panel of esteemed musicians after submitting a recorded performance.

The Music for All National Festival is one of the most prestigious events in the country for concert bands, orchestras and percussion ensembles. Participating students will be evaluated and receive instruction from renowned music educators and perform a concert at the end of the festival at Butler University.

Participating Harpool Symphonic Band members include: Drew Allen, Troy Barnes, Chris Beckett, Kenny Beutter, Dante Borino, Carson Burgess, Ashton Cartwright, Ashlynn Clark, Madison Cummings, Bishop Cutting, Kennedy Davis, Kara Debruin, Jacob Diaz, Jonathan Dillenberg, Kiersten Farris, Blayne Franklin, Jake Goldberg, Hunter Gonya, Chad Scheidle, Kyle Gscheidle, Lexi Helal, Josh Hickson, Emily Holder, Brent Jackson, Matthew Kasitz, Reece Krause, Allie Lawler, Camden leake, Gabriel Lee, Connor McClintock, Austin McNair, Ethan nava, Kaleigh Peacock, Chris Pink, Carter Price, Aidan Quinn, Nathan Reynolds, Michael Rieder, James Shleton, Gavin Smethers, Sarah Spivey, Matthew Stover, Harry Strain, Reid Tovar, Isela Uscanga, Andrew Watson, Gryson Weiss, Preston Wheat, Tyler Wilson and Sierra Winder.

Bryan Stone is the band director at Harpool. He is assisted by Heather Brannock.

FINE ARTS

Guyer, Ryan students named to TMEA all-state orchestra

Guyer High School violinist Inki Lee and Ryan High School bassist Harry Dearman earned places on the All-State Philharmonic and Symphonic Orchestra beating hundreds of competing musicians for the honors.

Lee and Dearman recently travel to San Antonio in February to perform at the 2015 Texas Music Educators Association Convention, a prestigious conference promoting musical education in the state. Their selections mark the seventh consecutive year that at least one Denton ISD student has won a spot on a TMEA all-state orchestra list.

Dearman was the top string bass player selected, being named first chair in his specialty. The selection marks the second consecutive year the Ryan junior has made the TMEA all-state orchestra.

The Guyer orchestra is directed by Michelle Hanlon. The Ryan orchestra is directed by Jeffrie Fox.

FINE ARTS

Four high school students selected to TMEA all-state choir

Students from each of Denton ISD's three high schools were recently named to the Texas Music Educators Association's all-state choir, the top vocal honor in the state.

These students performed with other top-ranked choral singers at the 2015 TMEA State Convention in San Antonio.

The four Denton ISD students selected to the all-state choir are as follows:

Denton High School: Courtney Lawson, sophomore, soprano 2.

The Denton choir director is Mark Baker. He is assisted by Nick Vance.

Guyer High School: Kate Gillman, sophomore, alto 2; and Kylie Jensen, junior, alto 2.

The Guyer choir director is Stephen Evans. He is assisted by Rebecca Ginez.

Ryan High School: Julia Durbin, senior, soprano 2.

The Ryan choir director is David Rives. He is assisted by Scott Thompson.

This marks the second consecutive year that Courtney, Kate and Julia were each selected to the TMEA all-state choir. Denton ISD has placed at least one student on the TMEA all-state choir for 10 consecutive years.

FINE ARTS

Students from four elementary schools have artwork displayed at State Capitol

A total of eight Denton Independent School District students from Adkins, Ginnings, E.P. Rayzor and Stephens elementary schools will each have their artwork displayed at the State Capitol and Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum in Austin as part of the Texas Art Education Association's Youth Art Month Capitol Celebration.

These students' artworks were among the select few chosen from school districts across the state. The selected students included:

Ginnings Elementary: Adiyana Saofaigaalii, Esmeralda Caballero and Frida Gomez; fifth grade

The Ginnings art teacher is Kay Adamson.

Adkins Elementary: Erika Gazalski, fourth grade; Noah Bautista, fifth grade

The Adkins art teacher is Kellye McGee.

E.P. Rayzor Elementary: Isabella Minick, fourth grade

The E.P. Rayzor art teacher is Megan Schnitzius.

Stephens Elementary: Ashley Machuca, fifth grade; Kara Sprabary, fourth grade

The Stephens art teacher is Megan Trammell.

DENTON ISD

TASPA honors HR director as Personnel Administrator of the Year

Dr. Robert Stewart, Executive Director for Human Resources, was recently named the recipient of the Dr. Mary Hopkins Personnel Administrator of the Year Award by the Texas Association of School Personnel Administrators.

The award is annually given to individuals in the human resources field whom TASPA officials deem to possess strong leadership ability, a high degree of personal and professional integrity and the ability to recruit high-quality members to their organization.

Dr. Stewart was one of only six finalists for the award after being named the Region IV Personnel Administrator of the Year in November.

"Dr. Stewart is the epitome of professionalism in this industry. He has been recognized for years as an innovating and progressive-thinking administrator by his colleagues and peers, so he's very deserving of this honor and recognition," said Dr. Richard Valenta, assistant superintendent for human resources for Denton ISD.

