

A Glimpse into -MS Music Program



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The Select Chorus at ----- Middle School is a must see if you live in -----, --. They sing a wide range of music from Slave songs to Ragtime music. S--- H--- and J--- E----- are the directors of the select chorus. J--- E----- has been working at the ----- for four years. He teaches the boys chorus, theater, and guitar. Many of E-----'s students say that he is a good conductor and director of a chorus. He also directs all of -----'s musical productions. His associate S--- H--- has been at ----- for many years. S--- H--- teaches girls, theater, and keyboard. Students of hers love her and visit her well after they had her for a teacher. H--- works behind the scenes on the -MS musical productions. She works on the light and soundboards and helps techies with their job. When directing the select chorus H--- and

E----- work together as a team. S--- H--- said that the music program is "a challenging performance program," and that they," try to include as many children who want to sing." The select chorus is made up of seventh and eighth grade boys and girls. The sopranos, second sopranos, and altos were an overwhelming amount of girls, where as the tenor and bass sections was a refreshing scene of boys. All of whom were singing joyfully and happily.

Upcoming events for the select chorus and music program

-Concerts

There is a chamber concert on Thursday ----- 16. The select chorus will be singing: Follow the *Drinking Gourd*, *Wake up this Morning* (Freedom song), and *Je Le Vous Diari* (I'll tell you what I know), the first two songs are Slave songs and the last song is a French Madrigal. Also performing at this concert will be other ensembles, such as the wood wind ensemble, jazz ensemble, brass ensemble ect. The formal seventh and eight grade concert will be on ----- 30.



Branching Out

Ms. H--- expressed the interest in expanding electives from guitar and keyboard, “for people who are interested in music but don’t want to perform.” S--- H--- wants children to be able or capable of doing other things, for example art has photography, sculpture, drawing and painting ect.

Having a possible Music History class may be in the future of ----- Middle School.

The music lab equipment is eleven years old. If it is enhanced children can be more independent with studies. Band already has Smart Music and it makes practicing easier so that time is spent wisely.

Music Processing is a program that helps kids write music, similar to word processing. The equipment needs to be at a higher quality to help the children with their studies. All of this is in process but may take three or more years.

