

The month of March is Music in Our Schools Month and we started it out with a bang! The Pops Concert was on Thursday evening, March 4th. The Mixed and Girls Choruses performed along with the Girls Swing Choir and 3 small groups—solos by Katie Snow and Kelsie Hoy and a duet by Holly Hejlik and Caitlin Retz. The Concert Band and Jazz Band also performed and the mixed chorus took part in one of the concert band numbers. The chorus wore their brand new choir shirts. It was a fun evening.

Then the very next evening—Friday, March 5th—12 singers took part in the Simon Estes Concert held in Hampton. Our West Fork singers joined with the Hampton-Dumont Mixed Chorus and several singers from CAL. This combined chorus performed 4 selections of their own and then was joined by the Hampton Chorale and Mr. Estes himself for the concert closer. These singers also had the thrill of hearing the internationally known Iowa native sing several songs from various genres. It was an awesome experience. Those taking part in this opportunity worked very hard to get all of the music learned and memorized and made four trips to Hampton to practice with their chorus ahead of time. The West Fork students involved were: Tyler Conlon, Holly Hejlik, Kelsie Hoy, Faith Lau, Evan Meester, Caitlin Retz, McKenna Robinson, Brittany Skibbe, Katie Snow, Michelle Stille, Sierra Thomas, and Natalie Wise. Krista Cordes was unfortunately not able to attend as she was ill.

Next up will be the Community Variety Show—American Flair VI—on Saturday evening, March 20th. This show will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will be hosted by Sheffield this year. There is an admission fee of \$5 each and children preschool age and under are free. This admission fee covers the show and a snack. Proceeds from this annual event sponsored by the local VIP organization will go toward the needs of the West Fork Music Departments. This show is open to adults as well as students. There are several high school vocal small groups that are preparing music to sing at this variety show.

On Saturday, April 10th, state small group music contest will take place at various places around the state. The West Fork Musicians will be going to Garner for the day. All singers that signed up for this event will be working hard throughout the month of March and early April in lessons and after school/evening rehearsals to get music learned, memorized, and perfected for their appearance before a judge at the small group contest.

The elementary students have just begun working on their spring program music. Their program is May 4th. The 3rd grade took part in the annual poster contest sponsored by the Philharmonic Music Club to recognize March as Music in Our Schools month. Look for their posters in some of the business windows in Sheffield and at the Chit Chat in Thornton.

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* means the performance is **REQUIRED**

MARCH:

***THURSDAY, MARCH 4th—POPS CONCERT—BAND and VOCAL**

Fri., March 5th—Simon Estes Concert in Hampton

Sat., March 20th—VIP Community Variety Show

APRIL:

Sat., April 10th—State Small Group Music Contest

MAY:

Tues., May 4th—SCMT Elementary Spring Concert

***SATURDAY, MAY 8th—STATE LARGE GROUP MUSIC CONTEST**

***TUESDAY, MAY 18th—FINE ARTS NIGHT**

Wed., May 19th—Baccalaureate (small group)

Sun., May 23rd—Graduation (small group)