

# Meridian Public Schools District



A Salute to our Music Teachers!

Music in Our Schools Month

March 2013



## Cross-curricular Activities

- All 10 campuses use music to help teach the core curriculum and Common Core.
- All teachers use music to teach Reading, Writing, Math, Social Studies.
- Several of our campuses are Whole Schools Campuses or are in the process of earning that title.



# Community performances

- All 10 campuses have performances for the community
  - Grandparent's day
  - Veteran's day
  - Holiday events
  - Black History Month
  - Parent Teacher Meetings
  - Other events
  - concerts
  - sporting events
  - MHSAA events
  - clinics



## LINK UP

- All six elementary schools are participating in the Link Up program in collaboration with Carnegie Hall's Weill Music Institute (WMI) and Meridian Symphony Orchestra.
- That performance is This Friday 3/22 at the MSU Riley Center.

# Crestwood Elementary

Tammy King, music specialist

Kimberly Kendrick, principal

- The fourth graders of Crestwood Elementary were privileged to participate in the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual **Mississippi Sings** event recently held in Jackson at Thalia Mara Hall. This event is sponsored by the Mississippi Music Educators Association and the Mississippi Symphony Orchestra. The theme this year was *Blues, Bluegrass, 'N More: Mississippi Sights and Sounds*.
- Fifth grade choir performed the Black History Month event.





# Crestwood Black History Month Program

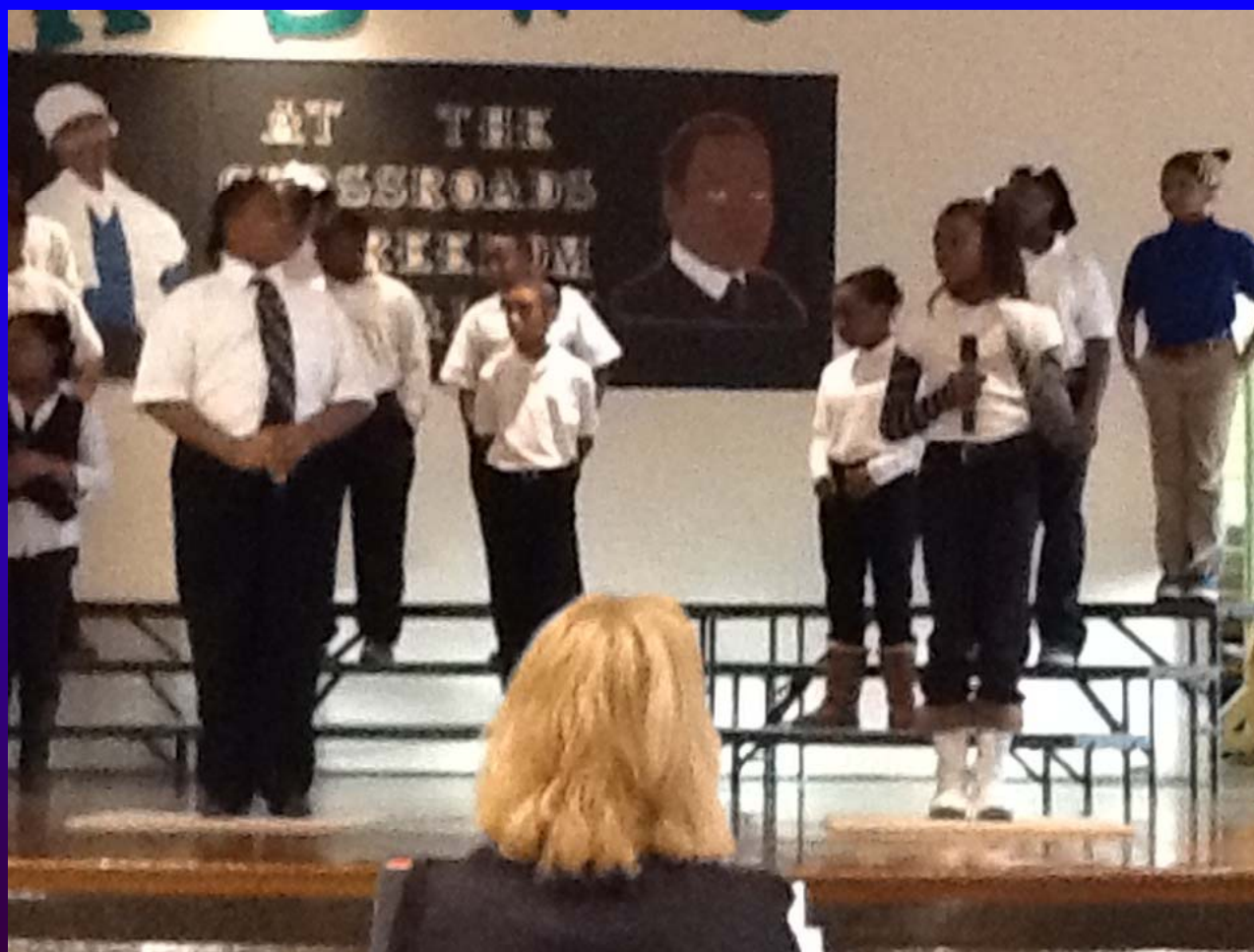




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## Oakland Heights

Linda Guise, music specialist

Barbara Young, principal

- The students enjoyed music from members of the Meridian Symphony Orchestra. The guest pianist was Ms. Sandra Shen and the guest conductor was Mr. Ken Lam. Musical concepts in classical and contemporary style were presented to the students. They also enjoyed learning how to conduct an orchestra.

# Oakland Heights PTA Performance



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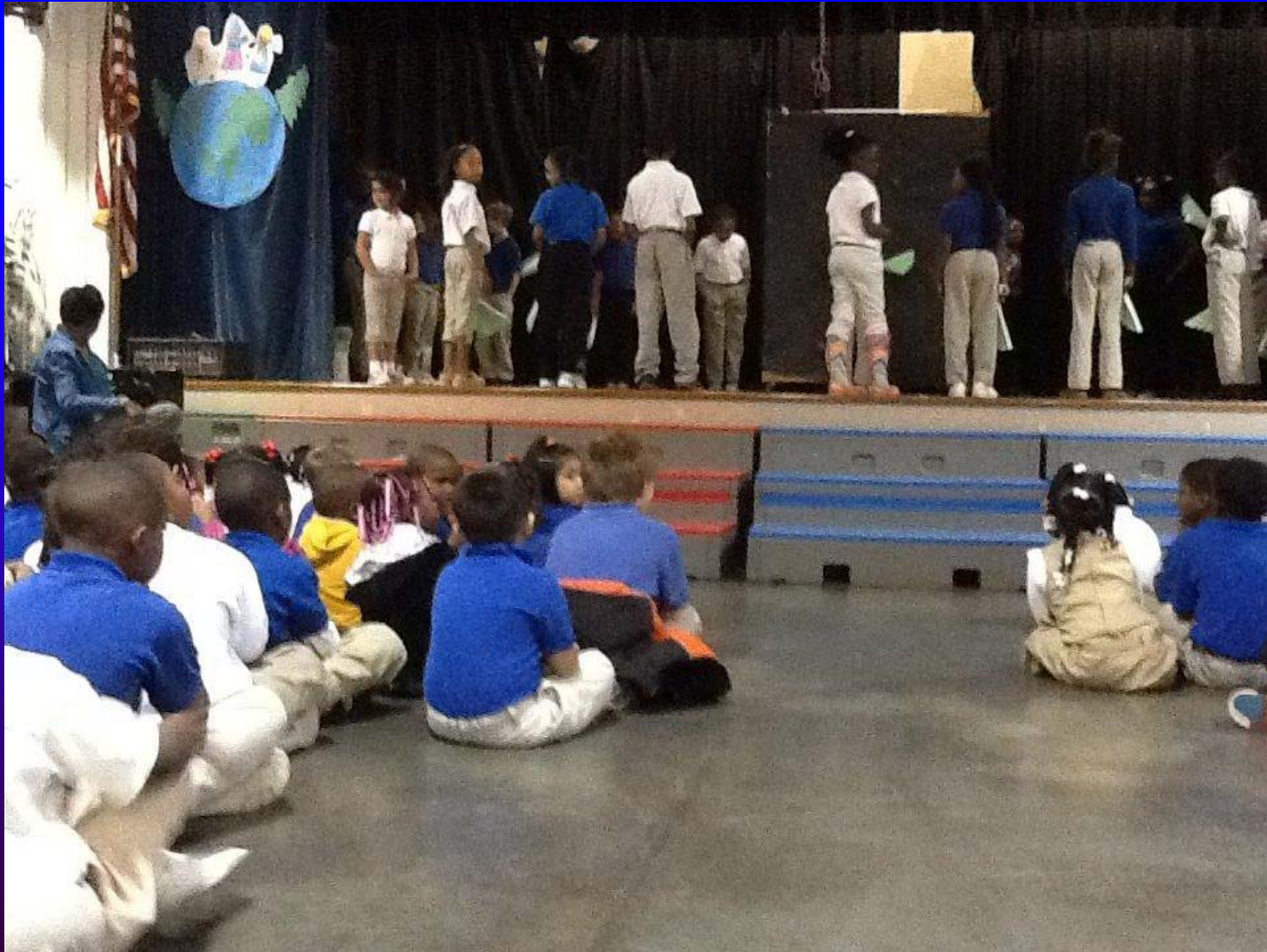


# Oakland Heights

- Multicultural Day



# Oakland Heights





## Parkview

Michelle Cook, music specialist

Rosalind Operton, principal

- Parkview has one student who will represent MPSD at all-state Honor Choir
- Parkview participated in the MS ACDA Children's choir festival

# Parkview and Poplar Springs MS ACDA Children's Choir Festival



# Poplar Springs


Dr. Lorrie Stringer, music specialist

LaVonda Germany, principal

- Through a Meridian Junior Auxiliary Mini Grant and private donations, a piano lab with 22 keyboards has been added to the Poplar Springs Elementary music program.
- Poplar Springs has two students in the All-State Honor Choir
- Students participated in the MS ACDA Children's Choir Festival.

# Poplar Springs Piano Lab




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- Our music department is fundamental to our school because of the many life-long skills it provides. Not only is music an area of particular interest to our daughter, but her study of music also fosters creativity, instills teamwork and develops listening and communication skills.

**Amanda Hanegan,  
MHS/MPSD TOTY and MPSD Parent**

# Poplar Springs Fourth Grade Ballroom Dance





Music dept is fundamental because music reinforces reading and math skills in a way that brings joy to the student who is playing an instrument or singing. It also allows the student to use his or her talents and gifts which builds self-esteem and a desire to be at school, and anything that helps a child love school can lift that child up in the other areas of instruction as well.

**Debbie Young,  
MPSD Parent**

# Dr. Taylor leads the band!



- Dr. Taylor, Superintendent, and Mrs. Miles, Assistant Superintendent, presented a variety of musical instruments to Mrs. Lang's Kindergarten class. A former band director, Dr. Taylor, led the group in marching, played his trumpet, as well as answered questions regarding the instruments that he plays. Mrs. Miles played the flute for the class and also answered questions asked by kindergarteners. "Watch out Mr. Hosey ... here come future MHS Band members."



# Poplar Springs Jack Hartman

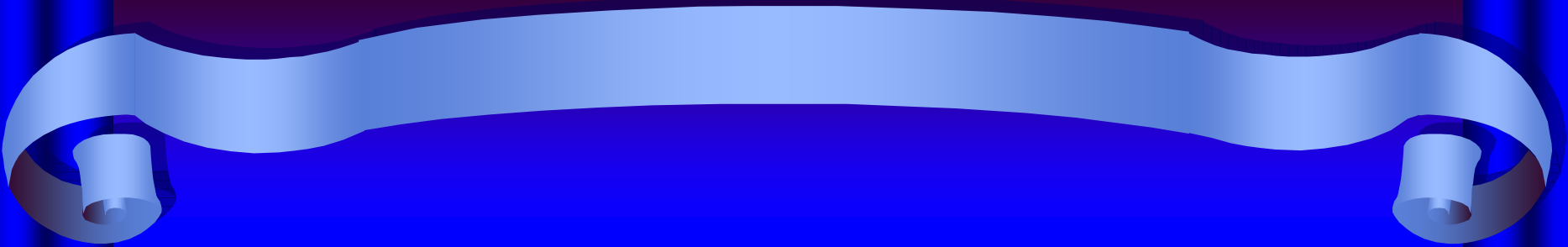


- Our music department is fundamental to our school because it allows or affords the children or students the opportunity to express themselves. Music is an art in which the children or students can release or show how they feel. In turn, the emotions that are shared through music are received by the audience.

**Pamela Smith, MPSD Parent and  
MPSD Employee**

# Poplar Springs 1<sup>st</sup> Grade holiday program



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- The thing I like best about music is singing and being able to hang out with my friends. A place to enjoy each others company while we practice. To be around others that like to sing and enjoy music and to have fun while doing it.

**JaCaleb Smith,  
PSE student**

Poplar Springs

1<sup>st</sup> grade holiday program



TJ Harris

Ken Clay, music specialist  
Shannon Miller, Principal

Teachers from all grade levels enlightened parents on several strategies to increase math performance. Parents were given several handouts and website suggestions to help students. Also, the night included a culminating event with the music teacher, Ken Clay, leading the students in holiday songs. The students did a magnificent job spreading holiday cheer as the PTO supplied hot cocoa, marshmallows, and cookies to everyone.

# TJ Harris



## West Hills

Qingpei Meng, music specialist

Candi Robertson, principal

- Students are preparing for the Link Up performance tomorrow at the MSU Riley Center. They will join several other schools and perform with the Meridian Symphony Orchestra.



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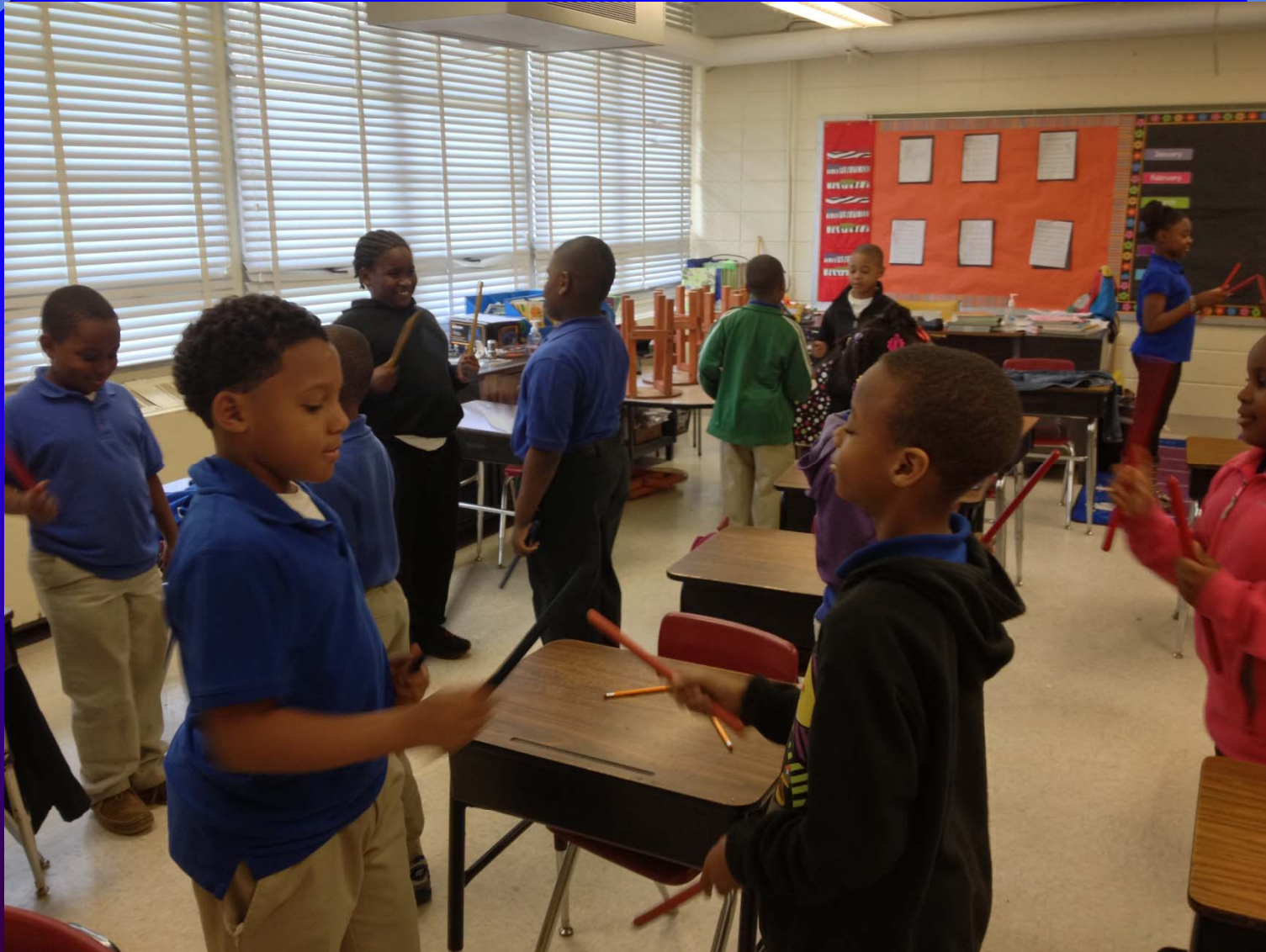
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My favorite thing about music is:

- \* We get to sing new songs, play instruments, and learn new things. - Kailone A.
- \* We can dance. - William W.
- \* I get to sing. - Kahyra D.
- \* I get to learn music that I have never heard before. - Kalei G.
- \* Everything, I love everything about music. - Jayla H



# West Hills

- I think music is important because:
  - \* We can learn how to sing better. - Cameron J.
  - \* It's fun. - Tyler N.
  - \* We get to learn and play instruments from different states and countries. - Kailone A.
  - \* Because you want to grow up and be in the band and choir. - T.J.
  - \* Maybe someday someone will become a music teacher. - Zaniya R.
  - \* Get to know the history of music, history can be sung by music. - Jayla H.



**Carver Middle Chorus**  
**Missy Davis, choral director**  
**Tiffany Plott, principal**

- Students participated in the National Anthem Project with the MHS choirs. They sang our National Anthem at the MHS Homecoming. Students also performed their Holiday Concert on their campus.

# Carver Band

## Amber Roland, Band Director

- For their third 9 wks project, the students worked on music to be performed in our local Solo & Ensemble competition! After preparing diligently for many weeks, the students, grades 6 - 8, arrived at Meridian High School on Saturday, March 2nd, performed for a local judge/band director, and earned a performance score.

Out of 69 possible Superior Medals (80+ points), Carver's students received 61 medals, which is an 88% success rate! Director Amber Roland is very proud of all of her talented musicians!

Carver Band's next goal is to prepare for their annual Spring Concert, which will be performed in the Carver Gymnasium on Thursday, April 18th at 6:00 p.m. The eighth graders will then prepare for their high school band audition that is scheduled to be in late April, graded by Director of Bands, Joel Hosey.

We hope that all of our 8th students will continue to be a part of our Meridian Band program!

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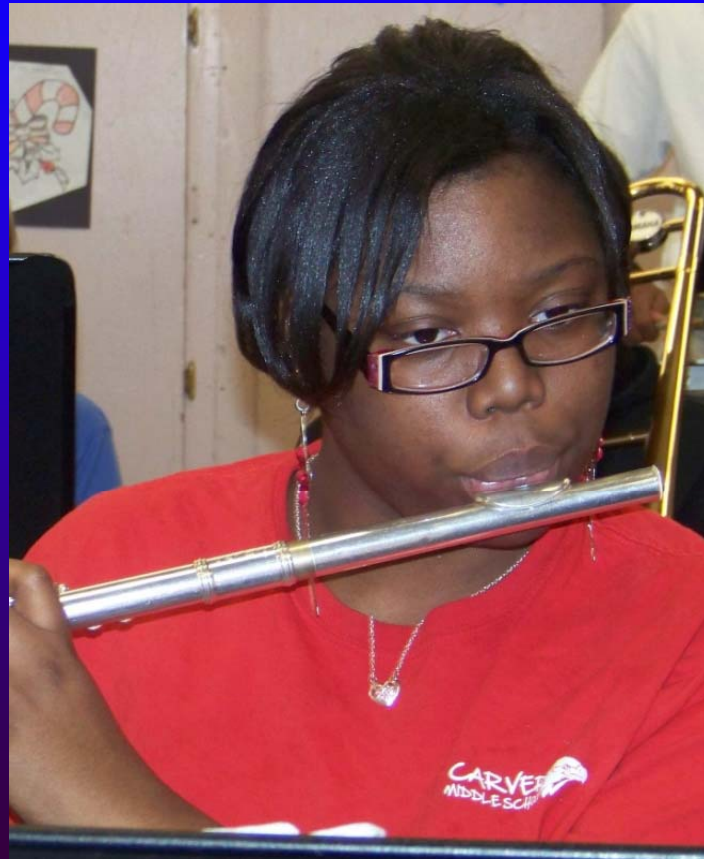
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Magnolia Middle Chorus  
Torey Parker, choral director  
Angela McQuarley, principal

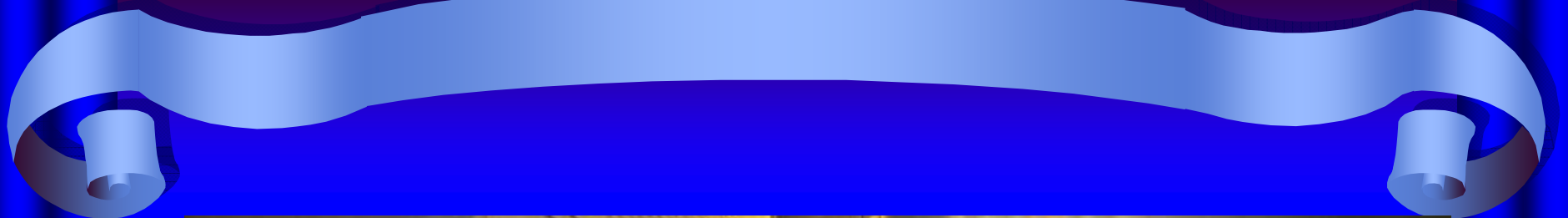
- Magnolia Chorus participated in the MPSD Vertical Christmas Concert with MHS choirs. Special thanks to Marianne Todd, an MPSD parent, who prepared and conducted them.





# Magnolia Chorus

- Magnolia participated in the Freedom 64 Concert at Temple Theatre. Mr. Torey Parker conducted. Mr. Antonio Altman, the Magnolia band director, served as the pianist.







Meridian's #1 for Hip-Hop and R&B

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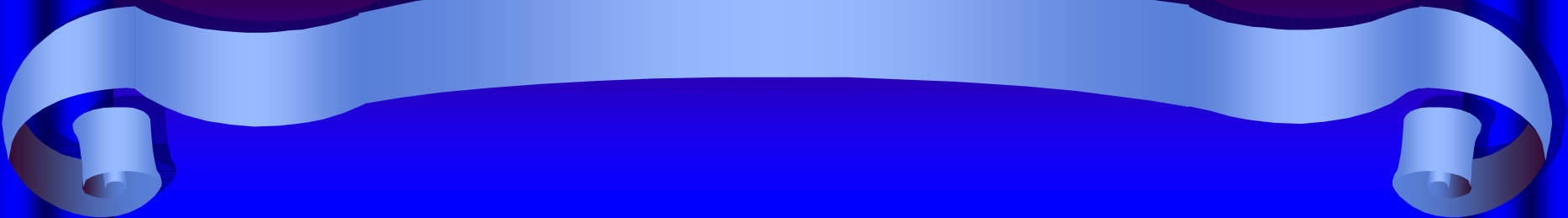
## Antonio Altman, Band Director

- Students attended the East MS District Clinic. Three students placed 1<sup>st</sup> chair, one placed 2<sup>nd</sup>, and one placed 4<sup>th</sup> in their instrumentation.
- The band also performed at the school's Black History Program.



Magnolia  
Band  
District  
Clinic  
Students







## Northwest Middle

Barbara Sanders, Choral Director

Jackie McFarland, principal

- Northwest Singers scored Superior at the MHSAA district festival and will represent MPD at the state festival.
- One student was chosen for All-State Junior High Treble Choir.



# Northwest Band

## Andrew Pryor, Band Director

- Students participated in the Solo contest held at Meridian High School
- Students are preparing for their spring concert which will happen soon.

# ECMBDA Junior High 2012



# MMEA/ACDA

## All-State Honor Choir

- This year MPSD will have 14 students in the Honor choirs:
  - 3 Elementary Honor Choir
  - 3 Junior High SATB
  - 2 High School Mixed
  - 6 High School SSAA

Only the top 50% that audition from across the state are selected.

# MHS Choral Department

Penny McLemore, Choir Director

Jennifer Davis, Assistant Director

- The Freshmen Singers, Concert Choir, and Lamplighters comprise the choral department. They are active in community performances, MHSAA events, honor choirs, and solo contests.
- Both choirs rated SUPERIOR at the MHSAA District Festival.





# Performance at Riley Center

## Male Vocal Symposium



# MHS Instrumental Department

Joel Hosey, Band Director

Damon Barnes, Percussion Instructor

- The Meridian Wildcat Marching Band is made up of students from all concert bands. The Wildcat has a long history of great traditions, pride and excellence. The marching band performs at all MHS pep rallies, at all MHS varsity football games, and at marching contest.
- The Bands recently competed at Concert Band Evaluations and scored SUPERIORS.



# State Clinic





# MHS Visual and Performing Arts SLC

Victor Hubbard, Principal  
Terry Moore, SLC coordinator

- Projected opening on 2013-2014 school year.
- Performing our sixth musical, SEUSSICAL, next week with Theatre department and Art department.



Presented by MHS Wildcat Players  
(in conjunction with the MHS Choir  
and Visual Art Dept.)

March 27 and 28

See a cast member for tickets.



# MHS Music Courses Offered

- Guitar 1 and 2
- Piano Class
- General Music
- Advanced Placement Music Theory
- Jazz Band
- Freshmen Singers
- Concert Choir
- Band



# LIFETIME MUSICIANS

- MPSD has MULTIPLE students who have been awarded choral, instrumental, and piano music scholarships. These skills are “paying” for degrees and building lifetime musicians in the university, collegiate, and community college levels.



# THANK YOU!!

- MPSD can boast of having at least one certified music teacher on every campus. That separates us from most districts in the state. We appreciate our BOARD MEMBERS for understanding the importance of MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS!!!