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Melissa Liggett Awarded Elkerton Scholarship and the National School Choral Award

Melissa Liggett, daughter of James and Mary Liggett, has been named recipient of the 1998 Jamison Anne Elkerton Memorial Music Booster Scholarship and has also been selected to receive the 1997 – 1998 National School Choral Award.



The Jamison Anne Elkerton Memorial Music Booster Scholarship is awarded to a senior music department student who plans to major in a music-related field in college. The award is named for Jamison Anne Elkerton, a graduate of YHS who died in a house fire one week after graduating from high school. Jamison had planned to major in music education in college. She was actively involved in the music and theater departments while in high school. This award includes a \$1,000.00 scholarship toward college costs.

The National School Choral Award states: In recognition of singular merit, ability, and achievement, of outstanding contributions to the success of the school vocal program, and of an unusual degree of loyalty, cooperation,

and high qualities of conduct, by the general consent of the music faculty, school officials, and others (Chamber Singers) ... etc.

During her four years at YHS, Melissa's contributions to the vocal music department have been as follows: Concert Choir; Chamber Singers ('97-'98 choir President); Madrigal Singers; Women's Select; Show Choir; Jazz Choir; Solo/Ensemble Contest; Yorkville Honors Recital; Fox Valley Music Festival participant; IMEA Dist. IX Music Festival participant (selected by audition); Disney Magic Music Days; Great America "Music in the Parks" Festivals. Melissa has also participated in the Symphonic Orchestra.

Besides being very active in the YHS Music Department, Melissa is also involved in the following activities: member of the National Honor Society; peer facilitator; peer mediator; State Scholar; Who's Who Among American High School Students.

Melissa plans to attend Millikin University in Decatur, Illinois this next Fall and major in Music Education. Congratulations Melissa!

ORCHESTRA EARNS DIVISION I

On Saturday, April 18, the YHS Orchestra under the direction of Gerry Romack performed at the Illinois High School Association music contest at Granville High School. The orchestra received a perfect score of 40 points in sight reading and 115 out of 120 points in large group performance. The ensemble performed three pieces of classical music, "Waltz from Serenade" by Tchaikovsky, the original "Brandenburg Concerto" by J. S. Bach, and the first movement of the "Concerto Grosso" by Ernst Bloch featuring Wes Dickson as piano soloist. The students were graded on tone quality, intonation (playing in tune), rhythm, balance, technique, interpretation, articulation and poise.

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Twenty-nine YHS Music Department Seniors Slated to Graduate June 7th

Twenty-nine graduating seniors have played an integral part in the success of the YHS Music Department. Their talents and continued support for the Music Department will be greatly missed. Good luck to them in their future endeavors.



Jared Adam

Concert/Pep Bands = 1,2,3,4;
Marching Band = 1,2; Football = 2,3,4; Baseball/Grounds Crew = 2,3,4; Basketball = 1,2; Honor Roll = 1,2,3,4

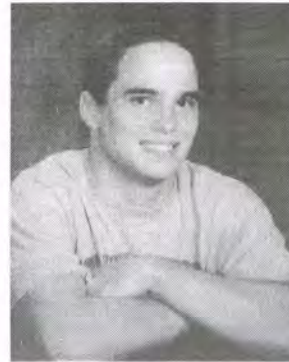
Linda Ashley

Concert Choir = 1; Chamber Singers = 2 (Section Leader), 4; Madrigal Singers = 1,2,4; Jazz Choir Ensemble = 1; Solo/Ensemble = 1,2,4; Honors Night Recital = 1,2; Nat. Journalism Scholastic Award = 4; All American Scholar = 3,4; Nat. History/Gov't Award = 3; Literary Festival/2nd place, poetry = 4



Mike Balda

Chamber Singers = 1,2,3,4; Football = 1,2,3,4; Tennis = 3,4; Who's Who Among HS Students = 3,4; All State Scholar/History = 3; Nat. Award/History & Govt. = 3; Teacher Aide = 2,3,4; Weight lifting = 1,2,3,4



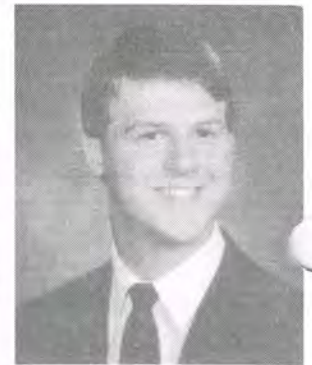
Carlton Cook

Chamber Singers = 2,3,4; Disney Magic Music Days = 3; Great America 'Music In The Parks' Festival = 2,4; Football = 1,2,3,4 (most inspirational player); Weight lifting 1,2,3,4; Drama - Spring/Fall = 2,3; Track = 3,4; Speech Team = 4; Fox Tails = 2,3; Math Team = 1,2,3,4; Computer Student of the

Year = 4; P.E. Student of the Month = 4; Community Service = 2,3

Wes Dickson

Concert Band = 1,2,3,4; Marching Band = 1,2,3,4; Drum Major = 2,3,4; Jazz Band = 2,3,4; Pep Band = 1,2,3,4; Symphonic Orchestra = 1,2,3,4; Orchestra = 1,2; Madrigal Strings = 1; Madrigal Singers = 3,4; Northwestern Band Day = 1,2,3; N.I.U. Band Day - 1,2,4; NHS 1,2,3,4; WYSE = 1,2,3,4; Fall/Spring Plays = 1,2,3,4; Speech Team = 3,4; Business Competition Team = 1,2,3,4; Nat. Speech/Drama Award = 3,4; TRY = 3,4; 8 Star Senior Award/Drama = 4



Ericka Diehl

Concert Choir = 1; Chamber Singers = 2,3,4; Solo/Ensemble = 1; Disney Magic Music Days = 3; Great America Music Festival = 2,4; Softball = 2; TRY = 1; Op Snowball = 4



Jessica Doverspike

Concert Choir = 1; Chamber Singers = 2,3,4; Madrigal Singers = 1,2,3,4; Jazz Choir = 1,3; Show Choir = 3; Women's Select = 2,3; Solo/Ensemble = 1,3,4; Softball = 1; Volleyball = 1,2; Track = 2,3; Math Team = 1; NHS = 3,4; Yearbook = 1,2,3,4; Section Editor of Yearbook = 4; Illinois State

Scholar = 4; School Play Crew = 2,3; Peer Mediator = 3; Rowdies = 4; Teacher Aide = 3,4; Powder Puff = 2,3,4; High School Bible Study = 3,4 (Co-Leader)



Sarah Engelhardt
 Concert Choir = 1; Chamber Singers = 2,3,4; Madrigal Singers = 1,2,3,4 (Student Director); Solo/Ensemble Contest = 1,2,3,4; Fox Valley Music Festival = 3; Volleyball = 1,2,3,4; Softball = 1,2,3,4; Basketball 1,2; NHS = 3,4; Student Council = 1,2,3,4; SAFE = 1

Honors Recital = 4; NHS = 3,4; Peer Facilitator = 3,4; Peer Mediator = 3; State Scholar = 4; Who's Who Among Am. HS Students = 3



Kurt Muth
 Orchestra = 1,2,3,4; IMEA Dist. IX Orchestra = 1,2,3,4; All-State Orchestra = 4; Kendall String Quartet = 3,4; Chamber Orchestra = 4; Basketball = 1,2; Football = 1; Track = 4; WYSE = 4; Rowdies & Tailgater = 4

Molly Erickson

Concert Choir = 1; Chamber Singers = 2,3,4; Solo/Ensemble = 2; Women's Select = 1,2; Honors Recital = 2; Volleyball = 1,2,3; Tennis (All Conf.) = 4; Basketball = 1,2,3,4 (All-Area, 4; All-Conf., 3,4; MVP, 4; Captain, 4); Softball = 1,2,3 (All-Conf.), 4; WYSE = 4; Math Team = 1,2,3,4; NHS = 4; Yearbook = 2,3,4 (Sports Editor); Student Council = 3,4; Homecoming Decoration Chair. = 4; Spirit Commit. Chair = 4; Peer Facilitator = 3,4; Powder Puff = 2; Rowdies = 4; State Scholar = 4; Prom Commit. = 3; Homecoming MC = 3; Girls State = 3; Letter Winners Club = 4; Girls Letter Winner = 2,3,4



Andrea Lawson

Chamber Singers = 4; Solo/Ensemble = 4; Speech Team = 4; Fall/Spring Play = 4; *Choir = 1,2,3; Madrigals = 1,2; Band = 2,3; Color-guard = 2,3; Forensics = 2,3; Debate = 3; Spring Play = 2,3 *denotes previous school

Heidi Leifheit

Concert Choir = 2; Chamber Singers = 3,4; Volleyball = 1,2,3,4; Cheerleading = 2,3,4; Softball = 1,2; TRY = 1; Letterman Club = 2,3,4



Melissa Liggett
 Concert Choir = 1; Chamber Singers = 2,3,4; Madrigal Singers = 2,3,4; Women's Select = 1,2,3; Show Choir/Jazz Choir = 3; Solo/Ensemble = 1,3,4; Fox Valley Music Festival = 3,4; Disney Magic Music Days = 3; IMEA Dist. IX Music Festival = 2,4; Symphonic Orchestra = 2;

Matt Olson

Concert Band = 1,2,3,4; Orchestra Winds = 2,3; Marching Band = 1,2,3,4; Pep Band = 1,2,3; Drum line = 1,2,3; Baseball/Grounds Crew = 1,2,3,4; Football = 1; Honor Roll = 1,2,3,4; High Honor Roll = 4

Scott Olson

Chamber Singers = 1,2,3,4

Lori Paradis

Concert Band = 2,3,4; Drum line = 3; Chamber Singers = 3,4 * Jazz Band = 2; Jazz/Show Choir = 1; Concert Choir = 1,2; Year Book = 1,2; Spanish Club = 1,2 *denotes previous school



Jessica Rosa

Concert Choir = 1; Chamber Singers = 2,3,4; Women's Select = 2,3

Amber Schillinger

Concert Choir = 1,2; Chamber Singers = 3,4

Bob Schmidt

Concert/Pep Band = 1,2,3,4; Jazz Band = 2,3,4; Drama Crew = 2,3,4

1998 Seniors



Leslie Scott

Orchestra = 1,2,3,4; Madrigal Strings = 1,2,3,4; Solo/Ensemble = 3,4; Pygmalion String Ensemble = 1; Fox Tales Editorial Editor-Cartoonist = 4; TRY = 2; SAFE = 1; Honor Roll = 1; High Honor Roll = 2,3,4; Publicity/Tom Jones = 4; Nominated/Nat. Leadership Conf. in Wash. D.C. = 4

Luke Teausaw

Concert Band = 1,2,3,4; Jazz Band = 1,2,3,4; Symphonic Orchestra = 2; Madrigal Brass = 4; Tennis = 1,2,3,4; Backstage for school plays = 1,2,3,4; NHS = 2,3,4; SAFE = 1,2,3,4

Andy Tews

Chamber Singers = 3,4; Football = 1,2,3,4 (Captain) (All-Conf. = 3,4); Baseball = 1,4; Wrestling = 1,4; Jr. Attendance/Homecoming = 3; Homecoming King = 4; Weight lifting = 1,2,3,4; Graduation Usher = 3

Marijo Shields

Concert Choir = 1; Chamber Singers = 2,3,4; Women's Select = 1,2; Cross Country = 1,2,3,4; Softball = 1, 2; Yearbook = 4; Homecoming Queen = 4; Peer Facilitator = 4; TRY = 1,2; Class Treasurer = 2; Class Secretary = 1; Letterman Club = 1,2,3,4; Student Council = 1



Brian Ulrich

Chamber Singers = 1,2,3,4



Brooke Skeen

Concert Band = 1,2,3,4; Jazz Band = 1,2,3,4; Madrigal Brass = 2,3,4; Symphonic Orchestra = 2,3,4; Brass Quintet = 4; Suburban Prairie Band = 4; Solo/Ensemble = 4; School Plays - 2,3,4 (stage manager); Speech Team = 3; Basketball = 1



Stephanie Sibenaller

Concert Choir = 1; Chamber Singers = 2,3,4; Madrigal Singers' Jester = 1,2,3,4; Solo/Ensemble = 2; Volleyball = 1,2,3,4; NHS = 3,4; SAFE = 1,2



Kristen Williams

Chamber Singers = 3,4; Women's Select = 3; Show Choir = 3; Disney Magic Music Days = 3; Solo/Ensemble = 4; Band = 1,2,3,4; Symphonic Orchestra = 1,2,3; Tennis = 3,4; Volleyball = 2; Basketball = 1; Speech Team = 3,4; Fall/Spring Plays = 1,2,3,4; Newspaper = 1,2,3; SAFE = 1,2,3; Yearbook = 1; Student Council = 4; Women's Letterman Club = 3,4

Jenny Stewart

Chamber Singers = 3,4; Tennis = 1,2,3,4; Softball = 2; Yearbook = 4; Business Comp. Team = 4; Prom Commit. = 3; Homecoming Float Commit. = 3,4; Teacher Aide = 2,3,4; Office Aide = 4



Chris Young

Chamber Singers = 1,2,3,4; Solo/Ensemble = 3,4; Jazz Choir = 3; Madrigal Singers 1,2,3,4



Make it Happen

My Father passed away, Sunday, May 3 at 3:30 am ...

Often times, over the years, I have said to our bands, "Breath life into the music, MAKE IT HAPPEN!" Over the course of a school year this may not happen every day, even with me! A test is coming up, a big sporting event tonight, prom, getting a drivers license, a new boy or girl friend, INCOME TAXES are due. Whatever the reasons may be, all seem valid in our eyes and may deter us in our capabilities to perform at our (or OUR) perceived maximum.

However, we, as members of our bands have a great gift. The gift of pleasing ourselves and others. Tapping our toes, making people smile, feeling a sense of pride, and making others PROUD FOR YOU!

More times than not, we as a group succeed at this, and do it well, I might add! When this happens, a big WOW! HAPPENS. A feeling that can only happen in our world of music. Think about it, a non verbal, non touching way to spark a great many emotions to the human soul. Difficult to explain, but not difficult to experience the.....WOW!

Everyday we have a chance to breath life into the music, to REALLY make it happen. I have said, "Let the notes live don't just play the notes. Give the music LIFE because tomorrow you may not have that chance."

My Father passed away, Sunday, May 3 at 3:30 am ...

Steve Moline

Brooke Skeen Wins Louis Armstrong Jazz Award

It could have been Maynard Ferguson that once said, "Man you have to be a free spirit to play jazz!" Whether or not the quote is attributed to Maynard is not the point, but to some degree the mind has to be free to explore and sometime to even accept jazz.

I started Brooke in fifth grade at Bristol, and I thought to myself, how in the heck is she ever going to play trumpet. She idolized her big brother, Brad. And Brooke WORKED HARD. She soon realized that jazz was "her thing," and she has been a great member of our jazz bands. Free spirit she is — great laugh — good to be around. Louis Armstrong would be proud, Brooke!

YORKVILLE MUSIC BOOSTERS 1997-98 PATRONS

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This list is in addition to the many parents and friends who support Music Boosters through fundraisers. Thanks to all of you for your generous support.

Pom Pon Season Ends with Class A Dance Champion Title to Foxettes

The YHS Foxette Pom Pon Squad ended their season earning the title of Illinois Drill Team Association (IDTA) Dance Class A Super-Sectional Dance Champions. The twelve-member squad attended area IDTA high school competitions where they placed first each time in the dance category. They qualified at the Downer's Grove North High School for the IDTA's Super Sectional competition in both dance and pom-dance categories. The Foxettes competed for the first time in Yorkville's history at the Super Sectionals where they placed first in dance and were named Class A dance champions. They also placed sixth in pom dance. The pom squad was less than two points from qualifying for the state competition. They plan to compete again next year and hope to advance to the state competition. Wendy Cox received the annual Natalie Brown Dance Award at YHS Honors Night.



The 1998-99 pom squad will be attending a Universal Dance Association summer dance camp. Members for next year are Co-captains Sarah Misner, Darla Baughman, and Lindsey Jones; other members include Samantha Kauffold, Erica Dobbertin, Lauren Marshall, Jeni Gunier, Alison Pamson, Amanda Mohler, Crystal Briggs, Michelle Kuzmicz, Diana Hansen, Rachel Schmid, and Nicole Smith. The poms will begin summer practice in July and attend summer camp at Northern Illinois University August 5-8.

The pom squad wishes to thank the Music Boosters organization for awarding summer camp scholarships, which greatly help individuals afford the expense of camp.

Cheryl Lippard

Pom Pon Senior Graduate —

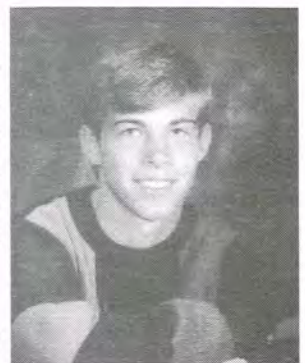


Kristina McDonald
Poms = 2,3,4 (Captain 3,4);
Orchestra = 1,2; Student Council
2,3,4 (President 4); NHS = 2,3,4;
WYSE = 3,4; Math Team =
1,2,3,4; TRY = 1,2; Yearbook =
2; Fall/Spring Play Crew = 2;
Girls Letter Club = 2,3,4; Peer
Facilitator = 4; Teacher Aide =
2,3; Student Leadership Program
= 2; Orange Bowl Performance

Team = 2; Spain Trip = 2; Junior Marshal = 3; Illinois
State Scholar = 4; Who's Who Among Am. HS Students =
3,4

Orchestra Honor to Kurt Muth

The National School Orchestra Award is given to the senior orchestra student that participates in orchestra for all four years of high school and exhibits the qualities of leadership and devotion to music.



The recipient of the Yorkville High School National School Orchestra Award is Kurt Muth. Kurt has participated in Orchestra, Honors Chamber Ensemble, Kendall String Quartet, and Suzuki method performing ensembles outside of school.

"Where in the World are the 4th and 5th Graders"

CCIS went on a Field Trip on March 19, 1998, and ended up in various parts of the world. The students kept looking for Mr. Masoncup (CCIS principal) after he disappeared in South America. Much to their relief, he finally showed up in Africa doing his version of the Macarena.

The program opened with "Hello," greetings in many languages.

Mrs. Maloney & Ms. Meints' classes came to Venezuela and Brazil singing a song they learned "Island Hopping." Accompanied by xylophones, tubanos (drums), maracas, and claves, they treated us to "The Banana Boat Loaders Song," "Zinga za," and "Goodbye, Venezuela."

Mrs. Miragliotta and Mrs. Moore's classes got into Chinese and Japanese culture singing "Sakura" (Cherry Blossoms) in Japanese. We used xylophones, glockenspiels, hand drums, and finger cymbals to accompany ourselves, on the "Song of Three Nots" and "Sakura," then sang a four part canon "Frogs."

Mrs. Shepherd and Mrs. Switalski's classes warmed themselves up by dancing to the "Troika" (loved the stamping sections!). "Timmy" was sung in Russian and we

finished with the melancholy sound of "Small Young Laddie."

Mrs. Grant and Mrs. Strukel's classes stopped in the British Isles to treat us to "Loch Lomond" and "Wearing of the Green." The singers were accompanied by electric guitar, recorders, and violins on "The Water is Wide." Their version of River Dance brought the house down.

Mrs. Cryder and Mr. Crane's classes swung for treats at "The Piñata Dance," tickled us with the lyrics of "La Cucaracha," all with accompaniments of claves, and maracas. The "Chiapanecas," sung in Spanish, and dancing "The Macarena" completed the feeling of Mexico.

Mrs. Brown and Ms. Walan's classes got "tribal" in Africa. Using tubanos, they sang "Johnny's My Boy" in three parts, "Siyahamba" in both harmony and the original Zulu, finishing with "Banuwa" in six parts!

The entire school finished by singing "It's a Small World" in both unison and partner harmony. It is a small world!

Sally Olson

Great Year for CCMS Choruses

The CCMS choral department has had a great year continuing to build the middle school choral program. At the present, over 230 students, sixth through eighth grades, have signed up for chorus for the 1998-99 school year.

This year's focus was on music and singing basics. Sight-singing was a new concept for many students and the majority have learned the building blocks for singing a new piece of music without having to be taught by rote every pitch and rhythm. Next year's freshman class will enter with good basic vocal technique on which to add in their high school years.

A successful awards/incentive program was initiated this past year. This did help to redirect student behavior and brought attention to excellence rather than mediocrity. In the last issue of the Foxes Music Notes, a

list of January, February and March's Star Choral Students was included. The students for April were: 6th grade - Mike Gerl, 7th grade - Meghan Hindi, and 8th grade - Scott Morganegg. May's Star Students were: 6th grade - Amber Baldwin, 7th grade - Nicole Malinowski, and 8th grade - Leanne Case.

The Star Choral Students of the Year are: 6th grade - Madeline Epperson, 7th grade - Rachael Brian, and 8th grade - Whitney Trumble.

Thank you for all your hard work and continued support.

Christy Hager
CCMS Choral Director

Students Attend Fox Valley Music Festival

Eleven YHS students participated in the sixty-ninth Annual Fox Valley Music Festival held at Bartlett High School on April 26th & 27th, 1998. Schools along the Fox Valley have the opportunity to participate. Twenty-one schools participated in this year's festival. Each director from their respective school selects students to attend the band, orchestra, and choir for each year's ensembles. This year's Fox Valley Festival participants were:

Band: Randi Haskins, Sarah Misner
Orchestra: Alicia Cool, T.J. Johnson, Seth Sinding, Jenny Tagle
Choral: Ben Draper, Melissa Liggett, Nikki Lupei, Val Milam, Rachel Sebby



Following two days of rehearsals, the performing ensembles presented a concert on Monday evening at 7:30 p.m. in the Bartlett High School gymnasium.

The 69th Festival Orchestra was directed by Bridget-Michaele Reischl from Lawrence University. Brad Holmes, from Millikin University, directed the Festival Chorus, and Steve Squires from Northern Illinois University directed the Festival Band.

CCMS & YHS Students Selected for Honors Recital



CCMS Participants

March 31, 1998 marked the 4th annual Yorkville Student Honors Recital hosted by the Yorkville Music Boosters. The Yorkville Congregational Church was the site of the 7:00 p.m. performance.

CCMS students performing this year were: Ashley Lies, Rachel Brian, Whitney Trumble, Joy Doverspike, Mary French, Andrea VanPelt.

YHS students featured in the 1998 Honors Recital included: Melissa Liggett, Valerie Milam, Andrea Lawson, Lauren Marshal, Rachel Sebby, Jeff Olson, Parker Trumble, Mark Morris, Nikki Lupei, Lisa O'Brien, Stacey Seif, Ben Draper, T.J. Johnson, Alicia Cool, Jenny Tagle, and Randi Haskins.

Many thanks are extended to the accompanists Mrs. Nan Grommes, Mrs. Michelle McAnally, Mrs. Roxanne Sega, Mrs. Julie Doverspike, and Mr. Linc Smelser.



YHS Students

John Philip Sousa Award to Wes Dickson

Every so often a special one comes along. A person with eyes wide open when you show him an instrument in fifth grade. A young student who you just know is going to succeed at playing a band instrument.



Way back in 1990, I started this youngster on bassoon at Bristol school. What a special thrill it was for me, because I played bassoon starting in fifth grade. (Not that I was anything special!)

I saw Wes Dickson just naturally grow into music, and I'm pretty sure he had a fond feeling for music in his early childhood.

Rapid development of trust, a bond between Wes and myself happened during his high school years where I could depend on him more and more, and in band, the trust and friendship grew stronger. (I hope he feels the same!)

Being drum major for three years, participating in various music festivals, directing our pep and jazz bands, and even concert band, now that's special!

As I said, every once in awhile a special one comes along. Congratulations, Wes, on being our John Philip Sousa Band Award recipient.

*Steve Moline
Director of Bands*

Yorkville Grade School Presents "Moving Right Along"

On March 31 YGS presented "Moving Right Along," a program about transportation.

Mrs. Vaughan and Mrs. Frahm's kindergarten classes took to the roads singing "Car, Car" and an edited version of "See the U.S.A. in Your Chevrolet."

We then went sailing with Mrs. Ferguson, Mrs. Dean, and Mrs. DeFelice's first grade classes. Songs included "Going Over the Sea," "Yellow Submarine," and "The Good Ship Lollipop."

Coming back to land, Mrs. Wagner and Mrs. Schlapp's second grade classes used various forms of four-legged transportation. "Suzie, the Camel" was exceptional with ten humps! "Horsey, Horsey" featured two part singing and "The Surrey with the Fringe on Top" is always fun.

Mrs. Birch and Ms. Robb's two/three classes went into orbit dreaming of being an astronaut, singing "Mission Control." I'm certain that "Jet Plane" and "Up, Up and

Away" took many of us back in time.

We heard train whistles blowing when Mrs. Mayer and Mrs. Mroccka's third grades started singing "The Atchison, Topeka, and the Santa Fe." "Down by the Station" was sung as a three part round and we enjoyed "The Rock Island Line."

Selected students led the audience in singing "The Wheels on the Bus," "Row Your Boat," "Little Bunny Foo Foo" (well, he hops through the forest), "Bicycle Built for Two," "She'll be Comin' Round the Mountain," and "I've Been Working on the Railroad."

The entire school ended with "Yorkville Grade School," words by Sally R. Olson, sung to the tune of "Hakuna Matata." YGS YES!

Sally Olson

YHS Music Students Attend Great America's "Music in the Parks" Festival

Saturday, May 23 marked the date of the YHS Music Department field trip to perform at the "Music in the Parks" Festival at Gurnee's Six Flags Great America.

The YHS Symphonic Orchestra performed at Chute Middle School in Evanston at 9:40 a.m. Concert Band performed at Evanston High School in Evanston at 11:20 a.m. Concert Choir and Chamber Singers both performed at Timber Ridge Middle School in Skokie Performance times were 12:10 p.m. for Chamber Singers and 1:00 p.m. for Concert Choir.

Each performing group was allowed time for one warm-up composition. Judges then critiqued each performing group on two compositions.

Students were allowed time for fun at Six Flags Great America Amusement Park. The awards ceremony began at 5:30 p.m. in the Warner Brothers Stunt Show Arena at Six Flags Great America.

Never Too Late to Support Music Boosters

All school district students benefit from the efforts of the Yorkville Music Boosters. Instruments, equipment, and camp scholarships are provided each year by the Music Boosters. Please financially support this organization by becoming a Patron. Complete the form provided below and mail it along with your check to the address shown.

Yorkville Music Boosters Patron and Volunteer Drive

The financial support of parents, friends, and area businesses is an essential ingredient for success of the arts in Yorkville. Your gift and desire to help the Music Boosters as a volunteer are greatly appreciated. Thank you for your tax deductible gift. Patrons' names will be acknowledged in *Music Notes* and all concert programs.

Patron: _____ Please check one: parent or friend.
(Please print your name as you would like it to appear in *Music Notes*.)

Child's School _____ and Music Group(s) _____

I volunteer to help the Yorkville Music Boosters during next school year. Yes _____; No
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Music Boosters is permitted to use my address from the school district database for future mailings. Yes No

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