

Music Elements

The Beat is What Counts~



December 2018
Newsletter

Student Accomplishments

Fiddler on the Roof

We would like to congratulate some of current and former students for their participation in Chelmsford High Schools performance of the Fiddler on the Roof! Which was performed on November 15, 16 and 17.

In the ensemble there was Mia G, Chloe D and Jillian S.
Former students were Pierce M, Lyla E and Jackie P
Great Job to all!



Got some news that you would like to share?
Let us know if there is something you have to share in our newsletter
and we will post your accomplishments so that everyone can share in the
news!

Winter Concerts

McCarthy Middle School is having their winter Orchestra Concert on Wednesday, December 5th, starting at 7pm!

Parker Middle School is having their Winter Chorus Concert on Tuesday, December 11th, starting at 7pm!

Chelmsford High School is having their Academic Ensemble Winter Concert on Wednesday, December 12th, starting at 7pm!

McCarthy Middle School is having their Winter Chorus Concert on Thursday, December 13th, starting at 7pm!

Center Elementary/Harrington Elementary is having their Winter Concert on Monday, December 17th, starting at 7pm!

Byam Elementary/South Row Elementary is having their Winter Concert on Tuesday, December 18th, starting at 7pm.

Parker Middle School is having their Winter Band Concert on Wednesday, December 19th, starting at 7pm!

All Town Wind Ensemble/Chelmsford Public Schools String Orchestra is having their Winter Concert on Thursday, December 20th, starting at 7pm!



Chelmsford Holiday Prelude and Christmas Tree Lighting

The town's annual Holiday Prelude and Christmas tree lighting will be held this Sunday, Dec. 2. The celebration will take place throughout the town center and commons from 4-6 p.m., with the tree lighting scheduled for 5 p.m.

This year's event will include horse-drawn and tractor hayrides, free goodies, face painting, live music scattered throughout the center and an appearance from Santa.

Our very own DJ Nicki Reed will be DJing in front of Fishbones from 4:00pm-6:00pm! Its sure to be a good time for all who attend!



Where Are They Now?

Derek Maskalenko

Derek was a student of Anita Connerty's from 2006 and studied with her for many years. At that time, Music Elements was in her home! Derek was a very dedicated student and had a passion for all styles of music. He performed in 4 recitals. A Drum Pad performance in 2006 and then "skyrocketed" as a full kit drummer for the next 3 recitals. He performed Carry On My Wayward Son in 2007, Panama in 2008 and a Buddy Rick song, Mercy, Mercy, Mercy in 2009.

Music Accomplishments:

Derek was in a Hard Rock Band called, Dorian Gray. Here

is a show from 2011 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UYaWBISCbEg>

"Dorian Gray" opened for Apocalyptica, Original Lead Vocalist of Iron Maiden, Paul Di'Anno, and Tantric as well as headlining for many local shows.

During his High School years, his Wind Symphony, where Derek played Snare Drum, won 3 Gold Medals at the MICCA competitions.

Learn more about the competition here: http://www.sentinelenterprise.com/ci_14966452

Derek was also Section Leader of the Drum Line playing Snare for the Marching Band where they won Best Percussion Section at the MICCA competitions.

Here they are performing "Minimally Speaking": [Derek Marching with the band](#)

Aside from playing Drums, Derek is also a guitarist. He still plays music in his spare time but Derek is now a young man with many accomplishments.

WHERE IS HE NOW?

Derek is Full Time Firefighter for the Town of Maynard. He got married last year and is expecting his first child in September!



Meet the Teachers

Tyler McMillan

Tyler holds a Bachelor of Music Education from University of Massachusetts Lowell. He studied with many great instructors, and he owes a special thank you to Jon Wheatley, a professor at both Berklee College of Music and Umass Lowell.

Tyler has been a guitarist for twelve years and a musician his entire life. He teaches Guitar, Bass, Voice, Ukulele and Piano. His primary focus in college was jazz guitar and composition and also arranged many popular songs for collegiate-level music ensembles. Some artists Tyler brought to the stage includes The Weekend, Ariana Grande, Outkast, Bon : Iver, and John Mayer.

He also writes original compositions for his band, and they perform regularly in the Dorchester and Lowell "music scene". When Tyler is not playing or teaching guitar, he is likely playing with his beloved dogs (labradoodle sisters), Daisy and Lily. He is also a Brazilian Jiu Jitsu purple belt, a hockey player, a part time volunteer barista, and a graduate student studying public administration. His favorite styles of music to play in are Neo Soul and R&B.

Tyler teaches bass guitar, voice, ukulele, Little Elements and all styles and up to intermediate piano.



Look what's happening in December.....

2nd Annual Candy Cane Hunt & Holiday Fair

Date: December 8, 2018

Location: Westford Regency

219 Littleton Rd Westford, MA 01886

Time: 9:00am-2:00pm

Free Event

Bring the kids to this fun and free community holiday event!

Visit with Santa and take free photos. (Note that Santa's hours may be limited; we will post his exact schedule soon!)

Shop for crafts and special items from 40+ crafters, artisans, vendors and local businesses

Write a letter to Santa, make reindeer food and ornaments, and enjoy other free crafts

Enjoy holiday music

Search for clues in the Candy Cane Scavenger Hunt

Explore the beautiful Festival of Trees, Wreaths & Gingerbread Creations

Sponsored by:

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Caring Santa

Date: December 9, 2018

Location: Burlington Mall

75 Middlesex Turnpike Burlington, MA 01803

Time: 9:00am-10:30am

Please join us for a private photo experience for children with special needs and their families. Children will have the opportunity to visit with Santa and have their photo taken with him. Burlington Mall will make necessary adjustments to the environment to support the sensory, physical and other developmental needs of children of all abilities for this special event.



**CARING SANTA
IS ON HIS WAY**

Just for children with special needs.

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AND
BETTER

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It's time to listen.
www.AutismSpeaks.org

The graphic features a red background on the left with white text. On the right, a photograph shows a young girl in a Santa hat whispering to Santa Claus, who is also wearing a Santa hat and a patterned vest. Three candy canes are floating in the air above them.

Home Alone

Date: December 22, 2018

Location: The Luna Theater

250 Jackson St, 4th Floor, Lowell, MA 01852

Time: 11:00am-1:00pm

Home Alone

PG · 1990 · Adventure/Comedy · 1h 43m

When bratty 8-year-old Kevin McCallister (Macaulay Culkin) acts out the night before a family trip to Paris, his mother (Catherine O'Hara) makes him sleep in the attic. After the McCallisters mistakenly leave for the airport without Kevin, he awakens to an empty house and assumes his wish to have no family has come true. But his excitement sours when he realizes that two con men (Joe Pesci, Daniel Stern) plan to rob the McCallister residence, and that he alone must protect the family home.



Music Elements Teachers Public Performances

Dylan released his own CD. It is all original music written by Dylan and he is real excited to share it with everyone. You can listen to one of the tracks, *Geometry*, here: <https://dylanjackquartet.bandcamp.com>

Students and parents who are interested in seeing **Dylan Jack** perform can visit <http://www.dylanjackmusic.com/>

Laura has released a new single. It's called "No Good" Please give a listen to her and feel free to share! <https://soundcloud.com/ellorela/no-good-prod-david-altenor>

Students and parents who are interested in seeing **Mike Loce** perform can view upcoming events at: <https://mikeloce.com/upcoming-performances/>

Dan Webster, our piano instructor, performs with Mike Payette at the 110 Grille every third Thursday of the month.

Happy Birthday

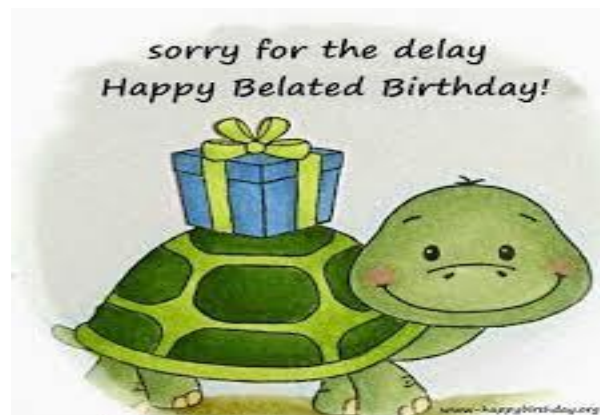


December Birthdays

- Ashley C
- Kyle K
- Tyler C
- Jillian S
- Ben P
- Meritt C
- Dviti P
- Kate L
- Amelia C
- Kayleigh M

We would like to apologize for missing the August newsletter and would like to wish our students a very happy belated birthday!!!

Dominick F, Amrit Y, Melissa F and Rowan I.



Happy Birthday from Everyone at
Music Elements

Famous Musicians who also share Birthdays in December

- Nicki Minaj: December 8, 1982
- Taylor Swift: December 13, 1989
- Frank Zappa: December 21, 1940
- Ted Nugent: December 13, 1948
- Jay-Z: December 4, 1969
- John Legend: December 28, 1978
- Mary Tyler Moore: December 29, 1936
- Jimmy Buffet: December 25, 1946
- Amy Lee: December 13, 1981
- Ozzy Osbourn: December 3, 1948



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Music Elements has T-shirts for sale! They can be purchased at the music school for \$15.00 each.



If you don't find your name in this month's newsletter, we will try to catch you next month. Be sure to share with your instructor about your activities.

Happy Holidays!

Anita, Dylan, John, Cayla, Peter,

Alex B, Mike, Amanda, Karyn,

Martha, Kenneth, Ben, Alex W, Tyler and Anthony

