

School Notebook

“Music In Our Schools” Month

The state of New York has selected March as a month to celebrate and recognize music in our schools. During this month, there are many musical things going on in Ellenville as well as at the schools in Ulster County.

Each year, the *Ulster County Music Educators Association (UCMEA)* organizes a performance that includes students from each school in Ulster County. In order to participate in the performance, students participate in an audition process. It takes a lot of practice and hard work to be accepted into the ensemble. The performance will be held on **Saturday, March 20th at 4:00 PM** in the *Ulster County Community College Gymnasium*. The performance will include an elementary school concert band, junior high school concert band, high school concert band, and an orchestra.

Congratulations to the following students who were accepted into the 2004 Elementary All-County Concert Band:

- Ben Altshuler, 5th grade, Trombone
- Steven Bar, 5th grade, Trumpet

Congratulations to the following students who were accepted into the 2004 Junior High All-County Concert Band:

- Melanie Bittencourth, 9th grade, Alto Saxophone
- Sandy Johnson, 9th grade, Clarinet
- Katrina Kass, 8th grade, Trumpet
- Devon Craft, 8th grade, Alto Saxophone
- Jack Gillette, 8th grade, Trumpet

Mr. Placencia and Dr. Jackson would like to congratulate all who participated. ☆

ECS Drum Lines Up & Running

With the help of Chris Karzchmer of the 21st Century Program and Dr. Peter J. Ferrara, superintendent of schools, the *ECS Drum Line* is up and running. There was a large turnout for the activity, designed for players with little or no drum experience, so it has been split into *Middle School* (Photo, below) and *High School Drum Lines* (Photo, above right). The concept of marching percussion is also new to all of them, but in just a few months they have come a long way.

The two Lines will participate in school activities and local parades. There will be a performance by the *High School Drum Line* on March 12th with the *High School Multi-Cultural Club*. The *Middle School Drum Line* is made up of 6th graders; they will perform sometime at the end of this year. (Photos by Dion Placencia) ☆



Literary Lovers Contest:

by Denise Moore

Can you guess the literary lovers below and their corresponding works? *Ellenville High School* students recently were challenged to be the first to match the names below with the works of literature in which they appear. How quickly they met the challenge! The very next morning after the contest was announced, four eager students rushed to the library to hand me their correct answers. These students are Mara Phelan, Vicki Cohen, Meredith Mirrer, and Ed Wendel. All received heart-shaped boxes of chocolate candy.

How many of these can you guess? Answers will appear in the next edition of *Wawarsing.Net*.

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| 1. Emily & George | 2. Becky & Tom |
| 3. Valjean & Fantine | 4. Lara & Yuri |
| 5. Roxanne & Cyrano | 6. Shug & Albert |
| 7. Henry & Eliza | 8. Jenny & Oliver |
| 9. Abelard & Heloise | 10. Darcy & Elizabeth |
| 11. Heathcliff & Cathy | 12. Pip & Estella |
| 13. Rhett & Scarlett | 14. Oberon & Titania |
| 15. Esmeralda & Quasimodo | |

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