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**Chelmsford Friends of Music Report
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Coordinator Report

1. **THANK YOU for an outstanding MICCA event! The day went extremely well and I heard nothing but positive comments! BRAVO to everyone involved and for pulling it together in 10 days!!!!!!**
2. **The CHS Band was recognized with an award at UMass Band Day last weekend. I have sent out a press release and we will display the certificate/award in the music area. Congratulations to the band staff and students.**
3. **This weekend the CHS Band will participate in the MICCA Festival at Methuen High School. The show starts at 1:00 p.m. The band will then perform at Wakefield on October 21st and Finals at Lowell on October 29th.**
4. **The elementary string rental night was held on October 11th. 4th grade students were able to rent violins and this is the next phase of our new string program at the elementary level.**
5. **We have approximately 140 students enrolled in the elementary string program this year.**
6. **The new auditorium is taking shape! I was able to tour the building with Eric Linsner, Carl Rondina, and Lauren Cochran. It is going to be a beautiful facility when completed.**
7. **I attended the School Committee meeting to discuss policies for the new auditorium. In the next month, I will be meeting with the sub-committee on policy to put things in place. I have attended several meetings on management, etc. and we should be all set when the building opens this spring.**

8. Unfortunately, we lost two music teachers in the past 2 weeks. Tom Souza at McCarthy resigned to take a full time band position in Nashua. Lilia Gouarian at Westlands resigned for personal reasons. Both teachers will be missed. I have worked to find new teachers and have found two outstanding people to work in our schools. One teacher will be starting on Monday and the other will begin October 23rd.
9. I did discuss the brick fundraiser with Dr. Moser. He is open to the idea but would like to see something that people would be able to ready more easily. We are looking into that possibility.
10. I would like to set up a meeting date for CFOM and Faculty Members as soon as possible to talk about expectations and goals.
11. We are looking for funding for the performing groups at the middle school level to perform in the community at senior centers, etc.
12. The CHS Band trip to California has been cancelled. Mr. Linsner explained the situation to the students and is looking into other opportunities.
13. The CHS Theatre Guild presented an Improv Wedding 2 weeks ago. The show was very well done and was a great fundraiser for the Theatre Guild. This group is under the direction of Lauren Cochran.
14. Thanks again for your continued support.

Submitted by
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