

MUSIC

Why they do it.



Ms. Garrison has been a band and orchestra teacher for many years. "I fell in love with music as soon as I started playing piano, and then I knew I wanted to be a music teacher," she said.



Mr. Sage has been teaching drama and choir at West Jeff for 3 years now. "Everyone loves music and it can touch every emotion," he said.



Alyson Westfall (8) is a violinist in the eighth grade orchestra. "I enjoy being able to express myself through music. It is really fun and rewarding to play a new song together," she said about playing in sync.



Autumn Jones (8) is a cellist. "Orchestra is sometimes difficult, but fun. It is a good way to let out emotions and unwind at the end of the day. It calms me, and helps me deal with stress," she said.

IN SYNC

Playing to our own tune

Listening to each other. Looking at each other. We stressed about timing, if we were playing the right key, if we were singing the harmonics correctly. We could only make it if we were in sync. We stood in the bright lights in the cafetorium in front of our friends and family, about to take our first breath. We sat in our chairs in the gym, anxious that we might not start together. Staying together was the most important thing. "I just think it's a great learning opportunity and a great way to meet new people." said Ms. Austin, a student teacher, about music.

In band and orchestra Ms. Garrison chose songs that we loved and loved even more to play. We practiced hard, and played the songs perfectly in sync. In choir we sang our hearts out, next to our friends and in front of our family. At the end of the year, it was all worth it. We finished our last concerts with Mr. Sage and Ms. Garrison, only to continue into high school, and we completed our 6th grade year of performances, full of anticipation for the next year.

Veteran's Day. Eighth graders Sage Swegle, Regan Pell, Carley Getz, Bailey Hennes, Shawn Seabourne and Joshua Frye play America the Beautiful at the Veteran's day concert. The concert honored the veterans in the community.



Practice. Jocelyn Rogers (8) and Mia Constantino (8) work on their play in drama. "We were working on different ideas before we decided on Mad Libs. It was a lot of fun," Mia said.



Songs from Movies. Annabella Alley, Lauren Area, Theodore Arnold, Hannah Boeding, Katherine Booth, Alexis Cardinal, Erin Casey, Ellie Chase, Joshua Clark, Gabriel Dodd, Blake Edwards, Samantha Hale, Corbin Jersild, Jacob Johnson, Kevin Kuehn, Bailey Leonard, Austin Martin, Paige Marusin, Alec McGlone, Joseph Merriion, Molly Mortier, Michael Murphy, Charlotte Newlun, Oceana Olsen, Ryan Palminteri, Carson Payer, Robert Roy, Caylie Sanderford, William Schuh, Daniel Smith, Skyler Steele, Aspen Stiles, Ellie Sutton, Nadia Williard, and Logan Zima (6) sing songs at the first trimester 6th grade choir concert conducted by Mr. Sage. They sang songs from movies including The Greatest Showman, Pete's Dragon, and more.



BAND & ORCHESTRA PRACTICE



Anticipation. Corey Neumeier (8) and Ella Genender (8) take a breather before their second concert. They were very excited to play. **Hard Work.** Trumpet players Keith Bernat and David Fouts (8) practice hard for the concert. They were very excited for their songs. **Armed Forces.** Eight graders Autumn Jones and Amber Griffin, play Armed Forces: The Pride Of America at the Veterans day concert. They wore gold pins to honor the veterans.