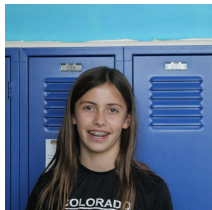


JAZZIN' IT UP Performing at the Colorado Music Educators Association conference in Colorado Springs, the Euclid Jazz Band earns applause and praise. Twenty-three Euclid musicians performed. Special to Elements

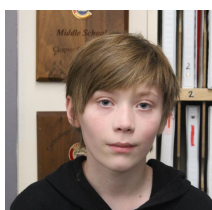
THAT'S SO EXTRA

Amazing extra-curriculars



"I play soccer. I've been playing for 9 years and I won the surf cup."
- **Riley Tafoya, 06**

"I've danced for five years and I've won first place in a competition that sent me to New York."
- **Daphne Gomes, 07**



"I play baseball and I have for one year."
- **Ty Gronberg, 07**

"I have played basketball for 6 years."
- **Leonard Miller, 08**



WE'RE WITH THE BAND

Morning practices, twice a week. Evening concerts. So why Jazz Band?



"Because I really enjoy music and I wanted to improve my ability in playing trumpet," said Isabella Nottingham, 08



"I chose to do Jazz Band because it's a really fun experience and I got to see a jazz conference in Greeley," said Tynan Horrigan, 08



"Jazz Band helps my mental health. I get to hang out with my friends like Vaughn," said Robert Rajewski, 08.

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LEAP OF FAITH Competing in the long jump, Schafer Eirich, 08, tries to jump the farthest possible before touching the sand. Track takes place in the fall, with Euclid teams competing against other middle schools in track meets. Photo by Molly Gamp.

BAND FLUTES Playing the flute in 6th grade band, Benjamin Fu, 06, practices with his class. Sixth-graders performed four concerts this year. Photo by Kate Brouillette

GO THE DISTANCE Running the mile, Jayse Sandoval, 08, competes as a member of the Euclid track team. The 8th grade track earned third place in the district tournament. Photo by Nash Belcher

GOOD GRADES Receiving his honor roll certificate, Luke Bowman, 08, shakes Mrs. Hurley's hand at the ceremony in October. He earned the award because his GPA was a 3.5 or better. Photo by Lauren Stewart



ALL THAT jazz (band)

The story will be told for years to come: When Euclid's Jazz Band completed their concert for a statewide audience, the applause seemed to go on forever.

The 23-musician group was granted the opportunity to perform at a music The Colorado Music Educators Association conference on Jan. 27 at the Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs. This, fans say, is evidence of excellence.

"I thought they did great. We played with focus, energy and demonstrated a

high level of understanding and style," said Mr. Andrew Holcombe, band teacher and jazz band director.

Jazz Band meets before school and is in addition to the band classes offered throughout the day.

"It's kinda hard but it's fun to be able to experience both bands and to play two different instruments because they are similar but different," said Sophia Liseac, 08.

- Story by Chloe Krense



"I like meeting new people and making new friends. Jazz Band helps improve my skills for other bands," said Vaughn Liseac, 08.

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