



DeWitt MS Orchestra To Compete in Boston

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The DeWitt Middle School Orchestra was selected, by audition, to perform at the Heritage National Orchestra Competition and Festival in Boston, MA, April 27-28, 2013. DeWitt Middle School seventh and eighth grade orchestra students will participate in master classes with professional musicians and perform in a concert with other selected schools.

DeWitt Orchestra Director Aaron Buck states, "Going to festivals and competitions is a great way for these seventh and eighth grade students to see what other orchestras are doing and helps them as a team to achieve something great. It gives our students a goal to shoot for."

Fundraising was necessary to make this trip possible and the community rallied to support every student's participation. The orchestra students and their families undertook fundraisers, a publicity campaign, and set up an online giving option via PeaksOverPoverty. "The students and I have devoted a great deal of time, energy, and passion for this trip", noted Mr. Buck. "We are so grateful for the community support".

Community donors stepped forward to help support music education.

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