

## **Kudos to music program**

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### **The Wauneta Breeze**

We listen to a wide variety of music at our house, from 1920s Bessie Smith and Cole Porter to today's Lady Gaga and Lady Antebellum. So, it wasn't a surprise when my daughter told me she wanted to go to the district music competition Friday in Imperial.

After hearing the kids sing the national anthem at basketball games this winter I looked forward to attending the event. We got to see all three Wauneta-Palisade chorus performances, the concert band and several small instrumental groups.

One of the things I enjoy most about the Wauneta-Palisade music program is the variety Aaron Behrends encourages. The concert band caught my ear when one of the songs it performed included rhythmic clapping by the kids not playing their instruments. We only got to see four concert bands perform, but this music selection made WP stand out.

I always found it interesting during basketball season to see which group would sing the national anthem. At most schools the pep band plays it, but at Bronco home games it could be a girls trio, a boys quintet or any combination in between. Behrends has given the kids the confidence and ability to step out in front of a crowd and perform well.

The school will be holding its elementary spring concert May 17 and junior high/high school concerts May 8. Some of the groups that performed at district music will be performing and you should take the opportunity to go to the school and enjoy the recital.

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I hope you like them as much as my daughter and I did.