

## Jingle bells ring in elementary

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In an effort to create enthusiasm and build up the Holyoke Elementary School band program, band students in grades 5-6 performed at their own concert last Thursday, Dec. 20 at the elementary school gym.

Band teacher Miko Martinez directed the bands—two groups full of confident young musicians.

Fifth grade kicked off the show with “Good King Wenceslas,” featuring soloists Nain Vasquez, Victoria Race, Ally Bohlender and Llelitz Ochoa as well as a percussion section soli with Victor Baeza, Logan Higgs, Mason King, Makayla Knutson and Llelitz Ochoa.

They followed with “Time for Band,” “A Quarter’s Worth” and “Hot Cross Buns.” “Jolly Old St. Nicholas” featured soloists Lauren Bergner, Hunter Bergstrom, Eva Goytia, Tayler Hale, Josie Herman, Remington Hielscher, Emily Jelden, Makayla Knutson, Jackie Valenzuela, Xander Speicher and Taeryn Trumper.

Sixth-grade band opened with “Jingle Bells,” with soloist Colby Purkeypile, and “Holly Jolly Christmas.”

“Drums on the Husetop” featured soloists Jessica Mosqueda, Mikayla Kliber-Voigt, Zachary Overton, Brenna Sullivan, Jesus Trejo, Gabi Gordon and Dylan Miles.

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From left, soprano soloist, age 13, is Sofia Mendez, age 12, is Brenta Sgraves and Dylan Miles on trumpet