



Moses Lake High School Band, along with the bands from Frontier Middle School, Endeavor and Chief Moses Middle School has been offered an amazing opportunity to bring the gift of music to the elderly throughout the community.

Harmony Bridge, a program created in 2010 by Dallas Brass founder Michael Levine brings student musicians into senior residents to share their love of music. This gives our youth an opportunity to not only further develop a love for performing and serving, but allows them to use the language of music to interact and build relationships with other generations in our community.

Mr. Levine has developed a program which includes a custom library of traditional American songs, arranged for multiple combinations of instruments which are playable by kids of all ages and skill levels. The familiar songs will trigger memories and give the older generation a chance to sing, clap and perhaps even dance. The students are trained to not only present the program in an entertaining and personable fashion, they learn how to visit and interact with the residence after each performance.

This unique program teaches students to be compassionate, caring and giving individuals; develops social and leadership skills; teaches students to be service minded; builds self-esteem and self-confidence; gives our youth an outlet to improve their musical abilities and enhance their love for music and the arts all while bringing music and joy to the elderly.

Mr. Levine was at Moses Lake High School the week of June 6 to discuss the program with the students and band directors of the four schools. When asked how many students would be interested in an inaugural performance at Pioneer Village on Saturday June 10, the hope was to have 15 – 20 participants. Mr. Levine was overwhelmed when almost 100 students raised their hands, asking to be part of this project. When all was said and done, and students were able to sort out schedules with their families approximately 50 students participated.

Moses Lake School District is the first in the state of Washington to participate in the amazing program. Participation will be strictly voluntary, and rehearsals and performances will be outside of school hours. The hope is to have the Harmony Bridge Program funded 100% through community donations. Costs include the music library, with enough copies for the students at each of the different skill levels, a comprehensive three day on site training program with students, instructors and parents on how to implement and grow the program and a shirt for the students to wear to the performances. Initial startup costs are estimated to be approximately \$7,500. As the program grows, it is the hope that the ensembles formed through this program will be able to perform not only at the senior living facilities, but at various community events, and eventually branching out in to other small communities.

Donations will be received through the Moses Lake Band Boosters, and will be tax-deductible. They may either be mailed to Moses Lake Band Boosters, PO Box 1805, Moses Lake, WA 98837, or via the PayPal link on our website at [www.chiefband.org](http://www.chiefband.org). Donations need to be earmarked for the Harmony Bridge Program. For any further questions, please contact Moses Lake High School Band Director, Dan Beich at 509-771-1771.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Moses Lake Band Boosters