

♪♪Upcoming Events♪♪

May 8 JH Spring Concert EBF JS High Gym 7:00 P.M.

May 10 State Large Group Contest Mid-Prairie 8:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.

May 13 Music Awards Banquet EBF JS High Gym 6:00 P.M.

May 18 Graduation EBF JS High Gym 2:00 P.M.

May 21 HS Tour of Schools All Day

May 22 JH Tour of Schools All Day

May 22-23 Spring Musical Zombeo and Juliet EBF JS High Cafeteria 7:00 P.M.

May 26 Memorial Day Band Performance Cemetery 10:30 A.M.



About EBF Choral Music:

www.ebfchoir.com

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About EBF Band Music:

<https://sites.google.com/a/rocketsk12.org/ebfhs-bands/>

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Eddyville-Blakesburg-Fremont



*Spring Concert
Honoring the 2014 Graduates*

**EBF Rocket Chorale
EBF Concert Band**

Tuesday, May 6, 2014

Eddyville-Blakesburg-Fremont Junior-Senior High Gym

7:00 P.M.

Joe Overton, Director of Band Activities

Christopher Ellerston, Director of Choral Activities





Rocket Chorale

Deep River

Linda Spevacek

My Soul Longs for You, O God

Beethoven/ Arr. Hal Hopson

The Pasture

Z. Randall Stroope

I Was Here

Arr. Alan Billingsley

When You Believe

Arr. Audrey Snyder/John Moss

I will sing to the Lord, for He has triumphed gloriously.

Who is like You, oh Lord, among the celestial.

Who is like You, majestic in holiness.

In Your love, You lead the people You redeemed.

I will sing!

Christopher Ellerston, Director of Choral Activities

♪♪ Director Notes ♪♪

The Rocket Chorale has had a very successful year beginning with growth in participation. Last year, 15 students attended large group contest and this year, the ensemble boasts 24 students with hopes for more participation next year. Students have performed in 4 honor choirs, the Iowa Cares Chorus as the most notable among them. This was the largest assembled chorus in the history of Iowa with participation from all 99 counties. The Rocket Chorale also joined six schools in a conference choir of 200 students this fall. All of this was in addition to the traditional fall concert, Christmas concert, variety show, vocal pops concert, and solo contest. On April 13, the students were also on their trip to Kansas City performing in the Worlds of Fun Music Festival and evoked this response from judge, Bradley Ellingboe, an American composer and professor of choral activities in New Mexico: "I'm happily surprised at the sound you are able to get from, not a very big choir, but it's a rich, robust sound!" It is my hope that you hear the dedication of these students to choral artistry this evening. They have made immense progress from our vocal pops concert and will present choral highlights from this year. **Deep River**, an American spiritual, demands dynamic phrasing with a smooth sound, and presents a challenge of singing in many parts. It leads to a chord where the choir must sing seven notes at the same time. It is one of the selections we will take to large group contest as well as **My Soul Longs for You, O God**, a canon by classical and romantic composer Ludwig van Beethoven. The students have embraced the style of singing in this time period with work on word accentuation in the text. The Rocket Chorale sang **The Pasture** in their conference choir and will present the beauty in the simplicity of this work with expansive phrasing. The ensemble revives **I Was Here** as a message and charge to our seniors to "do something that matters" and "do more than just pass through this life". **When You Believe** has created an annual tradition in the Rocket Chorale that will bind together all the students that come through this school. EBF choir alumni are invited to return to this concert and sing this song with current choir members. The lyrics present the aspirations and possibilities as these students head off into the world. I have sincerely enjoyed working with these students every morning, constantly challenging them to give even more than they have previously given. It speaks to the work ethic, character, and empathy that they can come together and create a unified piece of art that can touch and inspire others deeply. Thank you students for a great year and parents for your support. —Mr. E



Senior High Band

Amazing Grace

Frank Ticheli

Elements (Petite Symphony)

Brian Balmages

Danse Bohemien

Randall D. Standridge

Joe Overton, Director of Band Activities

We Salute You!

Senior Band & Choir Members 2014

Riley Arnold

Faith Starr

Emma Bell

Hope Starr

Lauren Bupp

Aislynn Stockdall

Rebecca Flood

Sothe Tobler

Sheri Gutch

Andria VerSchuure

Kirsti Halvorsen

Cory Archer

Jessica Jones

Trenton Barnett

Katie Larkin

Zach Harris

Emily Peterson

Haron Huff

Justine Rummells

Wesley Peterson

Nikki Snyder

Cody Rupperecht