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Lawrence Academy fifth and sixth graders perform "Last Christmas" during the 2017 Christmas concert held last week at the school.

Lawrence Academy holds Christmas concert

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MERRY HILL - "Christmas time is here."

Lawrence Academy's elementary school classes presented the Lawrence Academy Christmas Concert titled "Christmas Time is Here" last week.

The program was presented twice on Thursday, Dec. 7. The first performance was at 1:30 p.m. for the middle and high school students, staff and guests who could not attend the later performance.

The last performance was held at 7 p.m. for parents, families and friends of the students.

The theme for this year's program was traveling through time

with the popular Christmas song from the 1940's through now.

Lawrence Academy Head of School Jason Wynne welcomed the evening's guests to the special program for which the students had been working hard for months.

Pre-kindergarten, kindergarten and first grade students rocked their way from the 1940's through the 1960's singing "Mr. Santa," "Jingle Bell Rock" and "Little Saint Nick."

Pamela White's kindergarten class performed a version of "Go Tell It On The Mountain" using hand bells.

Next the fifth and sixth graders danced their way through the 1970's and 1980's.

The students sang "Step Into Christmas," "Last Christmas," with a solo from Summer Mizelle, and "Wonderful Christmastime."

During the transition for the next grades, Dora Saunders' first class performed "O Little Town of Bethlehem" with hand bells.

Second through fourth grade completed the journey traveling from the 1990's through today.

The classes sang the Sponge Bob SquarePants' hit "Don't Be A Jerk, it's Christmas," "Mistletoe," featuring a solo by Marissa Lashbrook, and "All I Want For Christmas Is You."

Additional fourth grade soloists included

Grace Furlough, Brylee Lawing, Ellie Noles, Sarah Hunter Spruill, Emma Smith and Layla Williford.

Additional third grade soloists included Scarlett Amarante, Lois Evans, Maggie Mae Price and Ella Swain.

All grades combined for the evening's finale of the Chipmunk song, "Christmas, Don't Be Late."

Wynne closed the evening with his remarks.

Lawrence Academy Music Teacher Scott Bradshaw gave a special thanks was given to Phyllis Faulk, Elaine Lancaster and the Lawrence Academy Drama Club for providing guidance and assistance for the program.



First grader Finn Hughes performs "O' Little Town of Bethlehem" with hand bells.

Windsor Elementary 'tells it on the mountain'

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WINDSOR - "Go Tell It On The Mountain."

That was the theme for the 2017 Windsor Elementary School's Christmas Play.

The play offered song, dances and the playing of recorders by the kindergarten through fifth grade students under the leadership of the school's music director Voilstead Kearney.

The Masters of Ceremonies for the event were students, Montrell Outlaw and Omari Outlaw.

The kindergarten students sang "The Little Snowflake."

The first grade students sang, "Santa is My Buddy."

The third grade students performed "Hot Cross Buns" and "Jingle Bells" on their recorders.

The fourth grade students sang "Silent Night."

The fifth grade students closed the program with "Go Tell It On The Mountain." The performance included praise dancers and singers.

The praise dancers included Arianna Brown, McKenzie Cherry, D'Nasja Freeman,

Zha'Dajha Garrett, Shakenya Hyman, Khiah Hines, Imari Outlaw and Christiana Taylor.

The praise singers included Jamal Parker, Alexia Dickerson, Taleeyah Mack, Montrell Outlaw, A'Zareya Peele, Zan'Terria Rascoe and Michael Thompson III.

Soloists for the show included Amber Byrum, Za'quan Outlaw, Tiffany Thomas, Zoey Barnes, Tayvien Ward, D'Courtland Rascoe, O'Keen Ford and Shawrun Maggette.

After each grade performed, they would return to class, giving room for the next class to perform. The gym was packed with parents and other family members who came for the program.

"Thanks to everyone for coming to our program. The students have worked hard preparing for it," said Kearney.

Windsor Elementary School Principal Tracy Gregory thanked everyone for coming to the event, and asked everyone to listen to a small presentation made by a Better Beginnings for Bertie Children representative about the programs available for younger children in Bertie County.



Above: Windsor Elementary School third graders performed "Hot Cross Buns" and "Jingle Bells" on their recorders. Right: Windsor Elementary School Music Teacher Voilstead Kearney directs the fourth grade students singing "Silent Night."

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