

GRANBY MUSIC PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 4—7:00p

“Granby Music Benefit Concert”
Mr. Williams & Family
Granby Church of Christ Congregational
Tickets \$15 & \$12
For Tickets: 467-2367

October 13

Community Tag Sale
Granby High School
(spaces available \$20)
donations welcome
For Info: 467-3573

November 1—5-7p

“Men Who Cook”:
Benefit Dinner/Music
Raffle/Silent Auction
Granby High School
Tickets \$15 & \$7
For Tickets: 467-3384

Election Day—Nov. 4

“The Four Seasons”
Themed Basket Raffle
East Meadow School
Tickets \$2 / 3 for \$5

December 5—7:00p

“Colgate 13 Concert”
All Saints Church
South Hadley
Tickets \$5
For Tickets: 467-2486

December 6—9a-3p

“Holiday Shopping
Childcare”
East Meadow School
\$15 for first child
\$5 for each additional
For Info: 467-7890

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<http://gwilliams.classdrive.net>

go to: Granby Music Event Info

OUR BAND IS SELECTED FOR WASHINGTON, DC

The ten year old students that joined the band four years ago, when Mr. Williams began teaching in Granby, are to become the first instrumental students ever to present at a national music education conference for teachers specializing in the Kodály methodology to be held in Washington D.C.

This trip will allow Mr. Williams and our students to share with others the successful teaching techniques used here in Granby that have transformed our music program into a nationally recognized program in a matter of years!

Our students also have the opportunity to visit our nation's capital and many of its his-

torical and cultural offerings during this five-day tour.

The Granby Music Parents' Association (GMPA) is asking your assistance in supporting this educational endeavor as we develop



Granby High Band participating in the UMass Band Day 2007.

our own legacy here in Granby. The GMPA and Mr. Williams have already planned a number of events to support our students, including a Benefit Concert with Mr. Williams and his family as the performers.

Please join us in supporting this once in a lifetime experience for our student musicians with your gifts of funds, raffle items, and time.

The GMPA is a 501(c)(3) organization.

WHAT IS OAKE?

Each year the Organization of American Kodály Educators (OAKE) holds a national conference during which lectures, concerts, teaching demonstrations, and exhibits provide teachers of music interested in Kodály's concept of music education new ideas and resources. In 2009, the conference theme is *Kodály in the Capital: A Musical Legacy* as OAKE celebrates its 35th anniversary in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Williams, fifth year instrumental music teacher in the Granby Public Schools, has had his proposal selected to present. He, with members of the junior high band, will lead a teaching demonstration session on *Kodály Inspired Rehearsal Techniques in Band* - a first for this music education or-

ganization.

The OAKE is an organization of music educators with a growing membership of 1600 who promote the philosophy of music education inspired by the Hungarian composer Zoltán Kodály. OAKE sponsors local, regional, and national workshops and conferences for music teachers, as well as opportunities for young musicians through select honors choirs directed by internationally renowned conductors of children's choirs. The philosophy of Zoltán Kodály is based on the belief that everyone is born with musical aptitude, which should be developed as early as possible. The primary aim of Kodály Educators is to instill a love of music in every child.



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Beginning Band
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Jazz Ensemble
Pep Band

Granby High Band

Trills & Thrills Festival
Excellent Rating, 2005
Excellent Rating, 2006
Excellent Rating, 2008

Junior High Band

Trills & Thrills Festival
Excellent Rating, 2006
Excellent Rating, 2008

Jr/Sr High Chorus

Trills & Thrills Festival
Good Rating, 2005
Excellent Rating, 2006
Excellent Rating, 2008

ASAP Jazz Band

IAJE Jr High Jazz Festival
Bronze Rating, 2008

Special Events

UMass Band Day
2004-2008
UMass Multiband Pops
2004, 2007
Melha Shriners Concert
2007 with Mr. Naro
New York Broadway Trip
Beauty & the Beast,
2007
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2008
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Andrew Krulewitz, 2005

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OUR DIRECTOR...

Mr. Greg A. Williams is beginning only his fifth year of teaching instrumental music in the Granby Public Schools. In 2005, his first year here, he was a recipient of a Pioneer Valley Excellence in Teaching award.

During the last four years, Mr. Williams has rejuvenated our music program with his Kodály inspired teaching techniques, as well as his vision, compassion, and unending energy and enthusiasm.

Significant contributions to date have included the return of the Jr/Sr High chorus, a basketball pep band, two jazz ensembles, and numerous community music performances.



Prior to coming to Granby, he was founding director of Berkshire Hills Music Academy, a life skills and music talent development program for adults with learning disabilities based in the Skinner Estate in South Hadley.

His education includes a Bachelor of Music in Music Education at Susquehanna University in Pennsylvania, a Master of Music in Music Education and completed doctoral

coursework at UConn, as well as Kodály training at the Hartt School of Music and the University of North Texas and Music Learning Theory training with its creator Edwin Gordon.

Mr. Williams also serves locally as President of the Granby Arts Project and as a board member of South Hadley's Black Cat Theater. On a national level, he is the OAKE national treasurer and was the local co-chair of the OAKE 2005 national conference with his wife, Laura.

During the remaining hours, Mr. Williams enjoys spending time at home in his vegetable and perennial gardens with his wife and their son, Cameron.

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