

Schools celebrate music

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This week is Music In Our Schools Week.

Columbus Day is special and George Washington's Birthday would be special if everyone could decide what day that was...but there seems to be no reason why music in our school should demand a special week unto itself.

It is, then, symptomatic of the precarious state of music in the public schools that such an event is deemed necessary.

Despite the seemingly relatively low status of music in the school curriculum, Manhattan enjoys far greater prosperity in this area than is the case in an ever increasing number of other school districts throughout the country, where massive cuts in music education have recently occurred and continue to occur at an alarming rate.

We should, then, enjoy the sun

while it shines, musically speaking.

Music In Our Schools Week starts out with an extravaganza of a concert that clearly portrays the richness of musical activity in USD 383. There will be performances by the High School Brass Choir, Elementary Choir, and the Middle School and High School Orchestra.

In addition to the performances, awards for compositions and for artists will be presented.

For a finale, the combined groups will mass for a performance of a *Kyrie* by Franz Schubert.

The Music In Our Schools Week Concert will take place in Manhattan High School Auditorium on Monday evening at 7 p.m.

The concert will be preceded at 6:30 p.m. by a presentation of the music of Carl Orff, which will be performed in the Commons Area of the High School, and the concert will be followed by a performance by the KSU Jazz Band.