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Title: First Graders Light Up the Stage!

Cynthia Randina, Hopatcong Superintendent of Schools, Announces -

Energy and excitement were the order of the evening on Tuesday, May 31st at Hopatcong High School, as Hudson Maxim's 1st grade students presented their spring concert. The concert, themed "Good Night, Sweet Dreams," highlighted each of six first-grade classes singing an individual song, plus six group songs featuring the entire ensemble. Selections included "Read Me a Story", "No One Like You", "Shake My Sillies Out", and a sleepy showstopper complete with twinkling stars, "Star Light, Star Bright"!

Family members and friends were bursting with pride for their respective students who, quite literally, lit up the stage under the direction of Hudson Maxim general music teacher, Linda Blazier. Students were put in charge of introducing each selection, with many going above and beyond to memorize their lines! Rehearsals began several weeks prior to the event, with children learning the twelve songs programed on the concert as well as choreography. "Getting ready for this concert required a lot of hard work on their part," said Blazier. "We had a wonderful time along the way, and I am so proud of every single one of these kids for their efforts. Their hard work really paid off!"

Mrs. Katherine McFadden, Principal of Hudson Maxim Elementary School, said, "The 1st grade concert was awesome on Tuesday night. When the students performed "Star Light, Star Bright" and turned on their finger lights, there was a collective gasp from the audience. There was not a dry eye in the house as the sweet voices of the children rang out through the auditorium. Mrs. Blazier is a gifted music teacher and the students are lucky to have her as their teacher.

Congratulations 1st Graders!"

