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First Graders Wow the Crowd!

Cynthia Randina, Hopatcong Superintendent of Schools, Announces –

Joyful faces abounded on Tuesday evening, May 19th at Hopatcong High School, as Hudson Maxim's 1st grade students presented their spring concert. The concert, with its "Wacky Animal Planet" theme, highlighted each of six first-grade classes singing an individual song about a familiar animal, plus six group songs featuring the entire ensemble. Selections included "Goin' to the Zoo", "Down by the Bay", "Snail with the Mail", and a rousing final song with a tropical vibe, "Caribbean Amphibian".

Family members and friends beamed with pride and cheered for their respective students as they lit up the stage under the direction of Hudson Maxim general music teacher, Linda Blazier. Students rehearsed for several weeks leading up to the event, learning the twelve songs programed on the concert as well as choreography. The children took charge of song introductions and background information for each selection. "These kids really gave 100%, both in tonight's concert and in the weeks leading up to it," said Blazier. "I simply couldn't be prouder of the effort they put forth and of the wonderful result they achieved. It is truly a privilege to get to teach each and every single one of them!"

Mrs. Katherine McFadden, principal of Hudson Maxim School, celebrated the children's great accomplishment, acknowledging their hard work and effort, "I am so proud of our students and of Mrs. Blazier! Through hard work, the students were able to present an outstanding concert which left everyone smiling and humming along. I was equally impressed with our audience, which was comprised of parents, siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends. The support given to our students makes them work even harder. Good job to everyone!"

Congratulations 1st Graders!

