

This book will make you laugh out loud, and you might even learn a little about the Great Depression and World War II (You don't have to, of course) a lot less painlessly than reading a history book.

Be the first kid in Andes to read these two terrific books, and then look for other books by Richard Peck. Oh, and look for another book talk in next month's *Andes Gazette*. Bye for now. ~

School News

ACS Students Wow a Packed House at Spring Concert



Jammin' backstage

The ACS Spring concert on April 13th showcased talented young people at all grade levels. The program began with the Senior Chorus singing two selections, made popular by Simon and Garfunkel, "Scarborough Fair" and "Bridge Over Troubled Waters". Aging hippies in the audience were taken back to the late 60's, and I saw some become teary eyed as they mouthed the words to the songs as they heard them.

The Prep Band followed. They performed simple, familiar melodies like "Aura Lee", "Frere Jacques" and Beethoven's "Ode to Joy". They performed flawlessly. The Intermediate Band was next, playing marches, overtures and finally showing their versatility with a jumpy rendition of "Rock Around the Clock". I saw Bill Haley's face, with his signature curlicue on his forehead, as they played. These two groups showed that the future of music at ACS is assured.

Next came the real showstopper. The ACS Jazz Band rocked the house with Big Band sounds. When they finished playing their first number, "Jump Out", the crowd roared with pleasure. They didn't let up. Next was the frenetic, rhythmic sound of "Livin' La Vita Loca". It couldn't have been

better if Ricki Martin was up there gyrating! The audience no sooner had caught its collective breath, when the Jazz Band launched into Duke Ellington's "It Don't Mean a Thing", featuring a brilliant sax solo by Josh Tcimpidis and a powerful trombone solo by Melissa Cole. The crowd loved it. The final number, "Carnival Del Sol", featured a drum solo by David Frontera. Those who heard him before never believed he could top his past performances, but he did in spades. His arms blurred with the speed of his motion, as his drums beat out a wild, primitive message. The audience was still for a second when he finished. Then they exploded in applause and appreciation. What talent and energy!



David Frontera

For the finale, the Senior Band played the "United Nations March", a selection of English Folk compositions, a wonderful medley from "West Side Story" and a beautiful interpretation of "Covington Square". They also played a personal favorite of mine, "Bugler's Holiday". This difficult piece showed off the triple tonguing virtuosity of the trumpeters.

All of these talented young people deserve accolades for their efforts. For Music Director, Diane Crick, special mention must be made. She's been drawing out the talents of our young people and developing their musical abilities for some time now. We hear the ACS Marching Band at community events. We attend concerts at the school and marvel at the level of talent and ability. We read of the achievements of our young musicians on the county level. Behind it all, is Diane Crick. Not only is

she a talented musician, she is also a gifted educator who can motivate her students to their best levels of achievement. Our community owes her a great debt of gratitude for what she's done and who she is. Thank you Diane!

ACS Students Accepted to College

The following seniors at ACS, have gained acceptance into college:

- Eric Brown - SUNY Albany, SUNY New Paltz
- Brad Darling - SUNY Cobleskill
- Chelsea Gladstone - SUNY Cortland, SUNY Oneonta, SUNY Albany
- Roger Hall - SUNY Delhi
- Greg Papa - SUNY Albany, Boston University
- Brianne Stoecker - Iona, SUNY Cortland, SUNY Oneonta
- Jeff Swett - SUNY Cobleskill

Congratulations to all on your acceptances. We are proud of you!

ACS Third Quarter Honor Roll

Superintendent's List

- 7th grade - Jennifer Reynolds.
 8th grade - Carissa Fairbairn, Alison Sluiter, Dylan Tucker.
 10th grade - Melissa Cole, Jessica DaVita Cherie Fairbairn.

High Honors

- 7th grade - Paul Eisele, Lara Govendo, Kimberly McAdams
 8th grade - Sarah Sidorowicz
 9th grade - Dawn Melvin.
 10th grade - Tracey Brown.
 11th grade - Lauren Johnson, Amanda Peterson.
 12th grade - Roger Hall, Dwayne Matthews, Greg Papa.

Honors

- 8th grade - Amanda Galunas, Megan North.
 9th grade - Indea Egnaczak, Katie Piszczatowski, Dustin Trussell, Jacob Weaver.
 10th grade - Jesse Mohr, Dana Roney, Nicholas Steinbuch, Joshua Tcimpidis.
 12th grade - Brad Darling, Chelsea Gladstone.
 Nice Going! Keep up the good work.