

Music In Our Schools Month

MENC: The National Association for Music Education has designated March as “Music In Our Schools Month” (MIOSM). During MIOSM, music education becomes the focus of schools across the nation. MIOSM began as a single statewide celebration in 1973 and has grown over the decades to become a month-long celebration of school music.

The purpose of MIOSM is to raise awareness of the importance of music education for all children and to remind citizens that all children should have access to music in school.

MIOSM provides opportunities for music teachers to highlight their music programs with special activities in their school and community. MIOSM is also a time when teachers educate parents, teachers, and communities of the benefits school music brings to students of all ages.

The World's Largest Concert (WLC) has been the highlight of MIOSM since 1985. The WLC is a sing-along concert linking students around the world through music. In recent years, the WLC reached an estimated 6 million students, teachers, and music supporters.

MENC provides numerous resources that can be used in planning MIOSM activities and participating in the WLC. Lesson plans, music, and lists of suggestions of ways to celebrate MIOSM are available on the MENC web site. Visit www.menc.org for additional information and resources.

If you have questions or desire personal assistance, **please contact our Music In Our Schools Month Committee Chair, Lisa Qualls at lqualls@triad.rr.com.**