

**People build bridges, bridges build communities,
communities build opportunities.**
(paraphrased from the Bridge Brigade)

Marshwood Middle School Chorus decided that we would embrace our community as classroom. In doing so we discovered that 50% of our students had never visited the Great Works Bridge, located on Vine Street in South Berwick, which had been condemned since 2007 due to deterioration of the structure that rendered it unsafe for vehicular travel. The surrounding bridge area, connecting the upper landing and lower landing of “Unity” was named Newichawannock in 1703 by the Wabanaki, meaning “place between two waterfalls”. In an effort to raise awareness of the importance of enjoying this beautiful area we decided to dedicate our studies this year to research, work with an artist-in-residence to help organize our writing, and compose an original piece of music for our Chorus, “The River Sings Its Song”.



Special Thanks to the following people who have embraced our Bridge to Adolescence: A River Runs Through Us project:

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Mrs. Maureen Martin, grade eight science teacher, South Berwick resident, and guest speaker who shared her curriculum of the local rivers and surrounding history.

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Mr. Anthony Bourbon, Principal of Marshwood Middle School, for full support of this project.

“The River Sings its Song”

**Composed by the Grade Seven and Eight Chorus
Marshwood Middle School**

**I must be the bridge to my true self:
my history and what is to be.
I must be the one to tell my story.
I must stand tall and true.
Will you tell the tale of what you have become
so that others may learn from you?
Will you help me when I ask you to?
Will you be a bridge to me as I will bridge for you?
Do you ever stop and think upon these things?
As the river, it keeps flowing...
flowing...flowing...flowing...flowing...
Flow!**

**The winding road, the rustling leaves,
between the pine and oaken trees,
I walk to where my heart finds rest
and think upon my dreams of yet...
It's where I hear the river near
its song is clear within my ear.
It calls to me and I belong!
The river sings its song!**

**We are the river! Free as can be!
We give our town positivity.
I don't know where I'm going
but I know where I've been.
Like the gentle words of friendship
The river leads to home.**

**From up above the bridge on high
to hear your thoughts I close my eyes
I see the paths where I may roam and find a path
to my own home.
Within your endless, unknown trail
the journey onward never fails.
It calls to me and I belong!
The river sings its song!**

**We are the river! Free as can be!
We give our town positivity.
I don't know where I'm going
but I know where I've been.
Like the gentle words of friendship
The river leads to home.**

**I'll follow your river song.
Watching it peacefully, glitter peacefully.
...The river leads to home
...Flowing home.**



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Mrs. Gail Adams Shunk, accompanist
Faculty and staff of Marshwood Middle School
Custodial Staff of Marshwood Middle School
Parents, family and friends of Marshwood Middle School - we are privileged to share our learning with you.



MARSHWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL SPRING CHORUS CONCERT

BRIDGING ADOLESCENCE: A RIVER RUNS THROUGH US



KRISTINE BISSON, Choral Director
Gail Adams Shunk, accompanist
JUNE 5, 2018
KENNEDY PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
MARSHWOOD HIGH SCHOOL
SOUTH BERWICK, ME

Grade Seven and Eight Chorus

Cripple Creek.....arr. Emily Crocker
Anthony Arrigoni, fiddle Peyton Emery, piano primo

Shenandoah.....arr. Rollo Dilworth
Tucker Whelan, drumset

The River Sings Its Song...Grade Seven & Eight Chorus
- Premiere performance -

Sisi ni moja (We are one).....Jacob Narverud
Amerah Sandler, tubano

Grade Six, Seven and Eight Chorus

Take Me to the Water.....Rollo Dilworth

This Is Me.....Pasek/ Paul
*Beckett Barlow, Silja Pope, Lucia Wiegert,
Samantha Williams, D'Lyza Diaz,
Kenai Diaz, Alana Moretti, Keona Poe, soloists
Lauryn Cruz, piano AJ Gori, drums*

**CONCERT PROGRAM:
Select Chorus**

Bring me little water Sylvie.....Lead Belly
Body percussion by Moira Smiley

We are the Voices.....Jim Papoulis

Grade Six Chorus

A Million Dreams.....Benj Pasek/Justin Paul
*Zac Camp, Owen Clark, Stella Case, Grace Dalton,
Rowan Waddell, Ryan Howell, Rowan Nabel, soloists*

Song of the River.....Mark Patterson
*Rowan Waddell, Teagan Kennedy,
Ella Holland, Megan Callahan, flutes*

Goza Mi Calipso.....Albert Hernandez



Grade Six Chorus Personnel

Names have been removed for privacy purposes.

Upcoming events:

**June 7: MMS Band Spring Concert
7:00 pm, MHS Auditorium**

**June 10: MMS Rock Band Concert
3:00 pm, MMS Chorus room**

**June 12: MMS Select Chorus Concert
3:15 pm, Berwick Estates retirement home**

Wishing you all a wonderful summer ahead and a special wish to all of our eighth grade singers as you head on to new endeavors ~

Grade Seven and Eight Chorus Personnel

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~ may you always carry music with you.