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To Prospective Schools:

Last spring, students at Meadow Hill Elementary School were exposed to the lively music of the Celtic band, "MacTalla." As demonstrated both in its energy and its message, MacTalla has an appropriate role in schools. I heartily recommend this music group's performance for children!

In its energy, MacTalla creates in students of all ages an enthusiasm for music. Its performers use both instrumentals and vocals to showcase their talents and teach.

During the assembly, which was very interactive with the audience, children sang along and danced with the band. While MacTalla sang and played for our intermediate students (Grades 3-6), primary aged students stopped in our hallways outside the performing area and clamored to be included! MacTalla is a group whose music can be enjoyed and appreciated by students of all ages.

In its message, MacTalla is much more than simply another ethnic band. While students certainly learn much about Celtic music and culture through experiencing the band, they also learn character education. Many of the themes of the band are universal, such as the need to appreciate diversity, get along with one another, and love our fellow citizens of the world.

In these days of stringent budgets and academic demands, schools certainly must choose assemblies carefully. If the reaction of students and teachers at Meadow Hill is a measure, this is a school program not to be missed! I heartily endorse MacTalla as a school performance.

Respectfully,

Barbara Weiss, Principal