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Subject: **Allen W. Roberts Elementary School Band Ensemble performs at the New Providence Senior Center**

Allen W. Roberts Elementary School Concert Band members performed a concert at the New Providence Senior Center on January 9, 2019. Band students from AWR have been visiting the Senior Center annually for at least 13 years. The concert provides both performance experience and a community service opportunity.

This year, the ensemble included ten students from the fifth grade. A variety of instruments were represented including percussion, trumpet, clarinet, flute and saxophone.

The students performed three lively pieces: Bugler's Dream (Olympic Fanfare) by Leo Arnaud (arranged by Paul Lavender), Penguins on Parade by Fred M. Hubbell, and Dragon Slayer by Rob Grice. Each of the three pieces had been performed at previous concerts, but reinterpreted for this performance with reduced instrumentation. Students had to play with more independence and confidence since they were assigned to unique parts.

Celeste Zazzali, Band Director at Allen W. Roberts School, states "The seniors were a gracious and grateful audience, and the students were thrilled to perform."

