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## **DCPS to host Bluegrass Assembly Programs**

The Bluegrass Music Hall of Fame and Museum is presenting a series of music assemblies at all Daviess County Public Schools elementary schools throughout the month of January.

Randy Lanham, who serves as the Museum's education director, will introduce students to the energy and tradition of bluegrass music, which is woven into the history and heritage of our community.

During school visits scheduled for the week of Jan. 6, Lanham will be accompanied by students from the Glenville (W.Va.) State College Bluegrass Band, who are working toward degrees in bluegrass music. During the week of Jan. 13, Lanham's school visits will feature students from East Tennessee State University from Johnson City. Those student musicians are working toward bachelor's degrees in bluegrass, old time and country music studies.

The DCPS district has a rich history of engaging students with a strong background in music starting at the elementary level. As one example, the district's innovative Graduation 2010 program, first introduced in 1997, included an intentional focus on developing musical skills and nurturing children's natural love for vocal and instrumental music. In addition to the joy of creating music, research has demonstrated that a foundation of music increases critical thinking and problem-solving skills. In 2014, Randy Lanham was honored with the Kentucky Music Educators Association "Friend of Music Award" in recognition of his commitment to bringing music to life for children throughout the Daviess County region. In nominating Lanham for that award, DCPS staff members noted: "Randy Lanham has the phenomenal ability to create enthusiasm in children to learn and understand bluegrass music. His communication of the importance and history of music is amazing. Students gain a knowledge and understanding of not only playing an instrument, but also its role in history."

The Bluegrass Music Hall of Fame and Museum is a non-profit dedicated to the history and preservation of bluegrass music.

The Bluegrass Assemblies are funded in part by the Michael E. Horn Family Foundation, the Lester E. Yeager Charitable Trust and Champion Ford Lincoln Inc.

A schedule of Bluegrass Music Assemblies is listed below. Our media partners are invited to attend any of these educational performances. For more information, contact the school or Bluegrass Music Hall of Fame and Museum executive director Chris Joslin at 270-926-7891 or [chrisjoslin@bluegrassmuseum.org](mailto:chrisjoslin@bluegrassmuseum.org)

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Tuesday, Jan. 7

1 p.m. – West Louisville Elementary School – 8400 Kentucky 56, 270-852-7650

Wednesday, Jan. 8

1 p.m. – Whitesville Elementary School – 9656 Kentucky 54, 270-852-7670

Thursday, Jan. 9

1 p.m. – Deer Park Elementary School – 4959 New Hartford Road, 270-852-7270

Monday, Jan. 13

8 a.m. – Southern Oaks Elementary School – 5390 Kentucky 56, 270-852-7570

1 p.m. – Sorgho Elementary School – 5390 Kentucky 56, 270-852-7470

Tuesday, Jan. 14

1 p.m. – Audubon Elementary School – 300 Worthington Road, 270-852-7150

Wednesday, Jan. 15

8 a.m. – Tamarack Elementary School – 1733 Tamarack Road, 270-852-7550

1 p.m. – Meadow Lands Elementary School – 3500 Hayden Road, 270-852-7450

Thursday, Jan. 16

1 p.m. – Burns Elementary School – 4514 Goetz Drive, 270-852-7170

**(Note to Media** – Bluegrass Music Hall of Fame and Museum executive director Chris Joslin and DCPS Superintendent Matt Robbins will be in attendance at this assembly)

Friday, Jan. 17

10 a.m. – Valley School – 1000 Industrial Drive, 270-689-6773

**(Note to Media** – Students at Valley School cannot be filmed or photographed)

1 p.m. – Highland Elementary School – 2909 Kentucky 54, 270-852-7370