



Kasey Coenen and Shelby Harrison play sugar plum fairies at Ross Elementary School.



Jamie Wise has a warm spot for Santa (a.k.a. Michael Murtagh).

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With the holiday season upon us, students in the Dallas, Lake-Lehman and Gate of Heaven school districts have been holding various programs of music and theatrics to celebrate the season.

The Dallas Middle School concert band – under the direction of Louis Piazza – and chorus – led by Melody Collins – their annual concerts. The sixth-, seventh-, and eighth-grader performed for three consecutive nights.

At Ross Elementary School in Sweet Valley, third-graders acted out "Twas the Night Before Christmas" – complete with sugar plum fairies – and sang a variety of songs. The students were under the direction of teachers Linda Van Orden and Jamie Hallowich.

The students at the Dallas Elementary school commemorated the holidays with a concert under the direction of longtime mu-



Jack Matusiak plays the saxophone during the concert at Dallas Elementary. Ryan Leonardo sits next to him.

sic director Harold Hoover. In another Dallas School District building – Wycallis Elementary School – there was a Santa's workshop complete with Christmas elves to go along with a Christmas program provided by members of the chorus and band.

And at Gate of Heaven, the school held its annual Christmas production complete with the story of the birth of Jesus. The play was performed by students in kindergarten and first grade.



Julis Rose Randazzo, Janelle Cowley, and Maria Bednar (portraying Mary) were part of the annual kindergarten and first grade Christmas production at Gate of Heaven School in Dallas.

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Alyssa Belski and Alyssa Horvath were part of the flute ensemble during the concert at Wycallis Elementary School.



Don James, principal of Ross Elementary School in Sweet Valley, puts on an elf hat for the Christmas presentation.



McKenzie Love, Morgan Mitstifer, Amanda Ayers, Brittany Schwartz and Angela Lockavich, kindergarten students in Jamie Hallowich's kindergarten class at Ross Elementary School, present their Christmas program

Eric Zavatski and Craig Skuldalski have fun as workshop elves in the Christmas program.



Matt Lewis, Ryan DeReemer, Glen Layaou, Stephen Ruch and Michael Pace are members of the Gate Singers.