On Friday, May 17th the HBW music department went on its annual trip to the *Music in the Parks* festival for a day of performances and fun at Great Adventure. The day was a huge success for the 299 students involved.

The day started in Monroe Township, where HBW's four bands and two choruses performed for judges who critiqued each group. We then headed to Great Adventure, where students enjoyed time in the park with friends and chaperones. In the evening students met up at an award ceremony. HBW was proud to continue our tradition of excellence as each competitive group was awarded 1st place.

- HB Voices received a rating of Excellent, and 1st Place
- Acoustics received a rating of Excellent, and 1st Place
- White Band received a rating of Excellent, and 1st Place
- Maroon Band received a rating of Excellent, and did not compete.
- Gold Band received a rating of Superior, 1st Place, and was awarded Best Overall Concert Band.
- Two students received individual awards for excellence as well.
    - 7th Grader, Mike Petillo was awarded Outstanding Jazz Soloist
    - 8th Grader, Alexis Duhaney was awarded Outstanding Student Accompanist.

The music department would like to thank all the teachers, parents, and students who helped make the day a tremendous success. We are looking forward to more music and fun in the future!