



On Thursday, January 19th, Washington JH band students performed solos, duets, trios and quartets during 5th, 6th and Activity blocks. The rating system is: I+ (highest rating) through III-. Our students scored (9) I+, (7) I, (1) I-, (4) II+ and (3) II ratings. Judging the students was Bernie Algood, a retired band director from Albia, IA. Algood selected 3 performances for Outstanding performances: Nayra (Oboe solo), Zoe and Lena (snare drum duet) and Maddy and Alejandra (mixed duet). A few of the performances were published pieces, but most of the music performed was composed or arranged by the students and Mr. McClenahan. All of the decisions for the details of dynamics, articulations, tempos, titles, and composer names in the music were made by the students. The students spent most of 2nd quarter lesson time on this solo/ensemble project. An impressive statistic from Thursday's contest was that 100% of the students enrolled in band participated and performed on Thursday! Pictured: Cheyanne, Betty, Owen, and Stacy are performing their quartet "Dancing Tacos" by the Tacos; and Nic, Nayra, and Lance are performing their trio "Tetris Theme A" by Farber.

