

It's Showtime

Rock, Rap
and Remix

The Yelps

In the 2014-2015 school year, 515 was the high school's own alternative rock band. After the seniors in the band graduated, juniors Kyle Burgess and Michael Gedden knew they still wanted to play music. Therefore, The Yelps was created. Gedden and Burgess added sophomore Jesse Balmer, junior Spencer Wolfe and senior Joe Thatcher.

"One of the biggest differences, besides the fact that they're so stylistically different, is that in 515 keyboard player Troy Ikeda was an extra flavor on top," Gedden said. "He often added his own things but we (The Yelps) like to feature Jesse. Sometimes he's the main structure of a song and because he has so much equipment you get a really unique sound."

Cutout. The instrument junior Michael Gedden played is an American made Candy Apple Red Fender Jazz Bass. "Her name is Maria," Gedden said. (Photo by Ashley Long)

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2. Senior Jolene Thimmesch practices playing "February" a piece by Tchaikovsky, with her instructor Zeljka Stijacic. "I was just practicing to further my playing," she said. Thimmesch has been playing for 11 years and has been playing with Stijacic for five years. (Photo by Ashley Long)

Senioritis Song

In Senior Christian Lund's basement, seniors Drake Lindsey and Ahmad Smith sat down and wrote a song about senioritis for Dragon TV. The song was sung to the tune of "Cat Scratch Fever" by Ted Nugent. Lindsey rapped while Lund and Smith played the harmonica and cowbell. "It took us six times to record it," Lund said. "We had to make sure my microphones were set and recording correctly. I'm pretty sure every time we messed up it was my fault." The song was released on Dragon TV and had many students laughing. The three boys were known as the Funky Flannel Fellas and considered releasing an EP.

3. Seniors Christian Lund, Ahmad Smith and Drake Lindsey wrote a song for Dragon TV. "We knew that we wanted to do a musical number at the end of our episode," Lund said. "Drake came up with the idea and lyrics for the song," said Lund. (Photo by Belma Bajramovic)

White Kid Nile

On February 6th in the dark on stage at Vaudeville Mews, Senior Nile Kroner performed his first concert, Lactose Intolerant Boys. Kroner started gaining an interest in music at the age of 13. "I wrote some instrumentals and my friends just started using them," Kroner said. He started writing original songs and started to form together a band. "I just emailed Vaudeville Mews to get a performance," Kroner said.

1. The high school's alternative rock band, The Yelps, performed at Vaudeville Mews. The band was made up of senior Joe Thatcher, juniors Spencer Wolfe, Michael Gedden, and sophomore Jesse Balmer. (Photo by Ashley Long)

4. Senior Nile Kroner, who went by the stage name of White Kid Nile, performs at Vaudeville Mews. Kroner decided to drop the stage name of White Kid Nile. (Photo by Kyle Kane)

Key to the Guitar

- Electric guitars were introduced in the 1930's
- Guitar strings are typically nylon or steel
- The most expensive guitar ever sold was Eric Clapton's "Blackie" stratocaster at \$959,600
- There are two basic types of guitars- acoustic and electric
- A classic guitar has 6 strings