

# Coventry Board of Education

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On Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Capt. Nathan Hale Middle School Jazz Ensemble from Coventry performed for the first time in the annual “Jazz on the Sound” Festival held at Waterford High School. Other participating middle schools included Timothy Edwards Middle School from South Windsor, William Johnston from Colchester, West Side Middle School from Stonington, Clark Lane Middle School from Waterford, and Mystic Middle School. The two adjudicators were very impressed with the Jazz standards they performed that included Count Basie’s “One O’Clock Jump” from the Big Band era and Horace Silver’s Hardbop chart “Mercy, Mercy, Mercy.” The judges were also pleased to hear the number of students that were willing and able to improvise their blues solos. Three Capt. Nathan Hale Middle School Jazz Band members received “Outstanding Musician” awards. They are eighth grade students Ada Peters and Michael Brown on alto saxophone and seventh grade student Nathan Sattar on the piano. Congratulations to all who participated.