

# Heid Music Congratulates the February School of the Month

## Manitowoc Elementary String Program led by Joan Geraldson & Tony Bauer

Joan Geraldson and Tony Bauer maintain a 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade orchestra program at six elementary schools in Manitowoc which includes approximately 200 students. They utilize a mentorship program using members of the high school orchestra to motivate the elementary beginning students. This creates a very positive experience for the elementary students and bridges the gap between the elementary and high school level. Former students are also involved in the recruitment process when the elementary students are first introduced to music and this has proven to be very successful. The students also really enjoy the opportunity during the holidays to do Classroom Caroling within their own buildings.

Joan participates in The Manitowoc Symphony Orchestra. Both Joan and Tony are also very strong advocates for music education.

