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Birchwood School's String and Wind Ensemble Receives Top Rating

Cleveland-On March 5, 2011 the Birchwood School String and Wind Ensemble, directed by Esther Chu, attended the Greater Cleveland Solo & Ensemble Contest where they received the highest rating of I. The ensemble members in attendance were **Grace X, Alexander I, Haley Y, Alexis H, Ammar M, Michael T, Kavya R, Peter A, and Pheby L.**

The middle school division Solo and Ensemble contest was held at Center Middle School in Strongsville. Young students throughout the region were invited to perform in groups and as individuals in front of judges, who critiqued their performances and offered feedback. Peggie Willett the adjudicator for the Birchwood ensemble remarked that the group, "had confidence and a nice strong sound."

Four additional students from Birchwood received the highest ranking for their solo performances: **Grace X** playing the violin, **Pheby L** for her piano solo, and **Kavya R** and **Clive C** for their individual performances on the keyboard. When asked about her students' performance, director and music teacher at Birchwood School, Esther Chu replied enthusiastically, "I am very proud of this young group of musicians. They competed without many of their seventh and eighth grade members, who were attending a writing competition, and did a superior job!"



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The Birchwood School is a private, coeducational school in Cleveland, Ohio. Founded in 1984, Birchwood serves students in kindergarten through grade 8. Birchwood's mission is to provide an educational setting where challenging academics build solid work habits, an achievement culture nurtures healthy attitudes, and a caring environment forges social responsibility.

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