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Quartet wows PCS students

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EATONTON — Putnam County Elementary School students rocked to the theme song of “SpongeBob SquarePants” and other movie and commercial favorites Friday as the Kazanetti String Quartet showed them violins and cellos are not only good for playing classical music, but kids tunes as well.

“The students listened attentively as members of the Kazanetti String Quartet performed and told a story using musical instruments,” said PCES assistant principal Margaret Merchant. “The performance featured some familiar musical selections as the members introduced themselves and their instruments to our students.”

After being named artists-in-residence at the Plaza Arts Center, the quartet partnered with Putnam County Schools to help strengthen student exposure to music.



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“This is the beginning of a long-term relationship between the school system and the quartet,” said PCS Superintendent Jim Willis.

Through its partnership, Willis hopes each student will have an opportunity to learn how to play the violin, viola or violoncello.

“We got an amazing response from the kids at the elementary school,” said violist Julie Rosseter. Rosseter and violinist Elizabeth Alvarez were impressed with the students’ enthusiasm to learn about the instruments and the quartet.

During question-and-answer time, the students asked a lot of good questions, Alvarez said.

“I thought it was great,” said fifth-grader Alyssa Miller. “My favorite part was when they played ‘SpongeBob SquarePants.’”

Following three, 30-minute performances at the elementary school, the quartet hosted Putnam County middle schoolers at the Plaza Arts



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Above, Kazanetti String Quartet violinist Elizabeth Alvarez introduces herself and her instrument to students. Above right, students Alyssa Miller and Madison Helms show their appreciation for the in-school performance last week.

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Center for its open dress rehearsal.

“The Putnam County school system is fortunate to host Kazanetti performances in their schools,” Merchant said.