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Far Hills Country Day School Music Teacher Featured in NAIS *Independent Teacher Magazine*

Far Hills, NJ—Amy Burns, a music teacher and head of the Conservatory at Far Hills Country Day School, has been featured in the National Association of Independent School's *Independent Teacher* magazine for her expertise on how to integrate music across an elementary curriculum.

The article titled, "How to Connect Elementary General Music across the Curriculum," discusses how music can be coordinated with STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, math), and focuses on a cooperative project between Mrs. Burns and Far Hills science and math teacher, Jennifer Wagar, in which students learned about different properties of sound—including sound waves, sound as a form of energy, vibrations, etc. and then expanded that knowledge by constructing their own instruments.

"Music naturally fits into STEAM. Adding the arts to STEM, therefore creating STEAM, we encouraged creativity and expression. These qualities, along with critical thinking, lead students to become successful innovators with endless possibilities," said Burns.

Educators can read the full article in the Fall 2016 edition of *Independent Teacher*. It can also be found online at <http://www.nais.org/Magazines-Newsletters/ITMagazine/Pages/STEAM.aspx>.

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Far Hills Country Day School is a PreK–Grade 8 independent school that is guided by a dual mission to provide each child brilliant beginnings for success in the modern world through academic excellence and character development. The school is situated on 54 acres in Far Hills, New Jersey. The campus includes learning gardens, age specific computer labs and media centers, a state-of-the-art Performing Arts Center, a large Athletics Center including a climbing wall, outdoor fields and tennis courts, a ropes course, meadows, ponds, and woodlands.

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