## **HATS OFF to DOW!**

Thanks to a grant received from DOW CHEMICALS, Fort Saskatchewan, the ABJ Band program has received 10 iPads for use in the classroom. The receipt of these iPads means that students can access digital instructional/method books and sheet music for learning, practice, rehearsal and concerts/performances. This technology will help focus each student on his/her own instrument, while accessing a wealth of materials to develop total musicianship with the goal of enhancing the quality of their life and the enjoyment of those around them.

There is ample scientific evidence of a strong correlation between the competencies learned through music study and success in other endeavours in life. Music students link concepts with authentic practice, engage in active creative work, and express themselves, their ideas and their understandings to inspire, analyze, and explore. These students become creative, innovative, and critical thinkers. They are lifelong learners able to collaborate, synthesize, apply and share their individual understandings with complex and diverse groups through the use of leadership skills and effective communication.

The ARCHBISHOP JORDAN BAND PARENT ASSOCIATION would like to extend their sincere thanks and gratitude for providing our students with the technology to help them succeed in such a wonderful program!

