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Music K-6

Rationale for Music Education

Music is an important part of the human experience. It is a universal language, a tangible means of communication for all humans. Music, with its unique body of knowledge, skills, and ways of thinking, is worth knowing. It is a means of understanding ourselves and others in a way not possible in other disciplines. The ability to perform, listen to, and create music with understanding is a highly desirable and important part of the human experience for every member of society.

(Excerpt from: Music Curriculum Guide, Government of Newfoundland and Labrador)

K-6 Music Program

The elements of music (rhythm, melody, harmony, form, expression) and musical contexts are explored through singing, speaking, playing instruments, moving, listening, improvising, composing, analyzing, responding, reading, and writing. Through meaningful and enjoyable experiences, students develop their innate musicality. Their ability to enjoy and appreciate music heightens as their cognitive and psychomotor skills develop. Evaluation is based on participation, skill development, and understanding.

RECORDER

Students in grades 4 - 6 will participate in the recorder program. It is an important part of the music curriculum.

- Student's recorders will be kept in the music room. Having a second recorder at home for your child to practice on would be ideal!
- Please send a small piece of cloth (approx. 2" x3") to school with your child to swab out their recorder after each use.

- All grade 4 students and grade 5 and 6 students new to Humber from out of the province will be given a recorder and book.

Technology

As soon as we can get our student workstations up and running, students in gr. 2-6 will get turns throughout the year working at their own pace with music software programs.

Choir

This year, the music schedule is extremely full due to an increased number of classes. However, we are still going to provide some choir periods during class time. Primary Choir is open to students in grade 2 and 3; Elementary choir – grade 4-6. Choir period is an option for students and is in addition to their regular three periods of classroom music per cycle. Please sign and return the *choir permission form* if you would like your child to be in choir this year.

Guitar

- Students in grade 6 will begin a guitar unit after Christmas. The school has a class set of guitars, but students may bring their own to class if they wish.
- **Guitar Club:** Guitar club will soon be up and running with Ms. Steeves tuning guitars and Mrs. Flynn leading instruction. Rehearsals will be every second Thursday afterschool until 3:20, starting the first week in October. Parents must arrange transportation home promptly at 3:20. It will be open to students in grade 5 and 6. Students are expected to bring a duo-tang folder and pencil to each practice. They may use the class guitars or bring their own.

Christmas Concerts

Thursday, Dec. 11: 7:00PM ~ grade 1,2,3

Tuesday, Dec. 16 **Revised date**: 6:00PM ~ Kindergarten Christmas Concert

7:30PM ~ grade 4, 5 and 6 Christmas Concert

Spring Concert

Tuesday, April 28 **Revised date**: Elementary Choir, Elementary drama club

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.
Sincerely,

Darlene Steeves
Music Teacher