



Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District

Elementary Music Program

Dear Parents/Guardians,

SMMUSD is proud to offer a high-quality music program to all students in Grades 3, 4 and 5. Third Grade students participate in a weekly 40-minute General Music class. Students in Grade 4 are offered instruction on the following instruments: Violin, Viola, Cello, Flute, Clarinet, Trumpet, Trombone and Voice. In 5th Grade, the students continue in Advanced Wind, String, or Chorus class. Credentialed music teachers instruct all of these classes. The district has an inventory of used instruments for any student who needs one, but parents are encouraged to rent or buy an instrument for their child if possible, so the instruments owned by the district can be assigned to a student who chooses not to rent or buy. All new 4th grade parents will receive information about our music program at our “Music Back to School Nights” on the following dates, times and locations:

August 31, 6-8pm- John Adams Middle School Cafeteria- (2425 Sixteenth St. Santa Monica, Ca 90405)

September 2, 6-8pm- Pt. Dume Marine Science School- (6955 Fernhill Dr. Malibu, Ca 90265)

September 8, 6-8pm- Lincoln Middle School- (1501 California Ave. Santa Monica, Ca 90403)

Parents who attend, will have the opportunity to rent/buy an instrument from approved music store vendors in attendance as well as get a chance to meet our elementary music teachers and hear more about the program.

On Friday, November 20 (in Malibu- Webster Elementary) and Saturday, November 21 (in Santa Monica- Grant Elementary), all 5th graders are encouraged to audition for our district-wide Honor Band, Orchestra or Chorus. The students who are accepted will participate in the annual “Stairway of the Stars” event in February in Barnum Hall on the Santa Monica High School campus.

The following is a list of expectations that, with your help, will contribute towards a successful year for your son or daughter. **Please see the attached music report card with rubric for grading/assessment criteria.**

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Come to class on time and be prepared.
2. Practice **five days a week, 15-20 minutes a day.**
3. Bring your music folder, instrument and pencils (no pens) to every class.
4. Have a **name tag** on your instrument case.
5. Participate in Winter and Spring Concerts. (Please enter the concert dates on the reverse side in your calendar).
6. Realize that you will be required to replace/fix any missing or damaged folders/books/instruments.

FAMILY SUPPORT TO ENSURE STUDENT SUCCESS

1. Choose an agreeable and accessible location for practice.
2. Ensure that your child practices regularly.
3. Sit with your child at least once a week during practice time.
4. Provide necessary supplies, including a music stand for instrumental students.
5. Please note that you are responsible for lost, damaged or stolen instruments/books.
6. Continue to be involved in your child’s music education. Visit class anytime, either for the entire class or as long as you can.

BEHAVIORAL EXPECTATIONS AND CONSEQUENCES IN MUSIC CLASS

Music class is considered an academic class. The music staff will expect and enforce the same high standards as those required by the student’s other classroom teacher(s). The following is the order in which consequences will be issued for inappropriate behavior in music class.

1. Verbal reminder of expectations.
2. Written Reflection (signed by the student/music teacher/classroom teacher/parent and followed up by the classroom teacher).

3. Consequence determined by classroom teacher and/or administrator.
4. Classroom teacher/Parent e-mail/phone call from music teacher.
5. Loss of student privileges such as field trips and events.
6. Conference with principal, music teacher, classroom teacher, parent and student.

Thank you for taking the time to carefully read and discuss this letter with your child. We look forward to making music with all of the students!

If you have questions regarding the information above, or if you would like to contact a member of the music faculty, please go to <http://www.smmusd.org/vapa/faculty1.html> and click on the teacher you would like to email. You may also leave a written message with contact information at your school site. (Please identify school and specific music class in all communication.)

Sincerely,

SMMUSD Elementary Music Staff- *Kirsten Bersch, Jar-el Miki Cruz, Susan Justin, Bonnie Lockrem, Salvador Muñoz, Sean Pawling, Lindsay Quiroz, Steven Ravaglioli, Jessi Spike-Gravelle, and Bruce Tellier*

WINTER AND SPRING CONCERTS

Site	Winter Informance	Spring Concerts
Cabrillo	Webster will host all 3 Malibu schools: 10/13, 2015- Winds 10/15, 2015- Strings 10/27, 2015- Choral	Webster will host all 3 Malibu schools: 4/14/16- Choral 4/19/16- Winds 4/21/16- Strings
Edison	December 10, 2015 (5 th grade) December 10, 2015 (4 th grade)	May 5, 2016
Franklin	November 17, 2014	May 18, 2015
Grant	December 9, 2015	May 11, 2016
McKinley	December 8, 2015	May 10, 2016

Site	Winter Informance	Spring Concerts
Muir/ SMASH	December 15, 2015 (4 th grade) during school December 10, 2015 (5 th grade) during school	May 17, 2016
Pt. Dume	Webster will host all 3 Malibu schools: 10/13, 2015- Winds 10/15, 2015- Strings 10/27, 2015- Choral	Webster will host all 3 Malibu schools: 4/14/16- Choral 4/19/16- Winds 4/21/16- Strings
Rogers	December 7, 2015	May 25, 2016
Roosevelt	December 7, 2015 During the day	May 16, 2016
Webster	Webster will host all 3 Malibu schools: 10/13, 2015- Winds 10/15, 2015- Strings 10/27, 2015- Choral	Webster will host all 3 Malibu schools: 4/14/16- Choral 4/19/16- Winds 4/21/16- Strings

----- Tear-off -----

Please return the tear-off to your music teacher

If we all strive to meet these responsibilities and expectations, your child's chance of success is greatly enhanced. Please consider the above items seriously and carefully before signing below. We look forward to providing a quality music education for the students in the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District.

Parent Signature

Parent Email Address

Student Signature (**PRINT**)

School/Music Teacher Name