



Wellington Elementary School - Music Newsletter - Fall 2018

WELCOME

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Welcome to music at Wellington Elementary School! I am excited to begin another fun filled year of learning in music class! Students at Wellington receive 55 minutes of music instruction one day per week as well as opportunities to participate in extra curricular activities including dance, drama, music and visual art! Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding our music programs at Wellington!

CURRICULUM

At Wellington Elementary School, our music curriculum is based on the national standards for music education and cross correlated with state and district guidelines. We use the Quaver Online Digital Music Curriculum (see attached Music Long Range Plans) and I encourage parents and students to take advantage of the online website to see what we are learning in music class this year. To access this amazing curriculum and create your own account, please use the following link: quavermusic.com

CHORUS

Chorus at Wellington is offered to all students grades K - 5. Students are given many performance



opportunities throughout the year as well as an invitation to our annual "Back to School" chorus party at Champs! For more information about chorus at Wellington or to register your child for chorus, please visit our school website by using the link: www.fcps.net/wellington

KEY DATES

Date 1: Back to School Chorus Party at Champs

September 7 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Date 2: Veterans Day Program Performance

November 12 1:30 p.m.

Date 3: Winter Program Performance

December 13 1:30, 6:30 and 7:00 p.m.

Date 4: Celebrate the Arts Night Performance

April 25 1:30, 6:30 and 7:00 p.m.



TOPIC ONE

20 Important Benefits of Music in our Schools

1. Musical training helps develop language and reasoning.
2. A mastery of memorization.
3. Students learn to improve their work.
4. Increased coordination.
5. A sense of achievement.
6. Kids stay engaged in school.
7. Success in society.
8. Emotional development.
9. Students learn pattern recognition.
10. Better SAT scores.
11. Fine tuned auditory skills.
12. Music builds imagination and intellectual curiosity.
13. Music can be relaxing.
14. Musical instruments can teach discipline.
15. Preparation for the creative economy.
16. Development in creative thinking.
17. Music can develop spatial intelligence.
18. Kids can learn teamwork.
19. Responsible risk taking.
20. Better self confidence.

(for more information on this article, visit the national association for music education at nafme.org)

MUSIC TECHNOLOGY LAB



Children compose great tunes in fun landscapes



At Wellington Elementary School, our music classroom is equipped with a Music Technology Lab. Each student at Wellington has access to their own Music Technology Workstation which includes not only a full computer set up but a KORG piano keyboard as well. Some of the applications we use in our Music Technology Lab include:

- Sibelius Groovy Music Compositional Theory Software Program
- Quavers Online Digital Music Curriculum Student Website
- Quavers Online Digital Music Curriculum Student Creatives
- Alfred's Basic Group Piano Course

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcement 1

Our Wellington PTA supports our chorus programs by providing much needed funding for chorus t-shirts, program supplies and pizza parties! Thank you PTA for your generous support! We appreciate you!

Announcement 2

Don't forget to utilize our school website for the latest up to date news regarding our chorus programs at Wellington. Remember to use the link www.fcps.net/wellington and click on "clubs" then "chorus"