






PCS Elementary Music News Fall 2009

 Mrs. Baines  Mr. Eveland  Ms. LaRusso  Ms. Rice  Mrs. Robertson

Welcome Back!

The elementary music team is thrilled to welcome all our new and returning students. Thanks to **Measure D funds**, every student in grades 1-6 is receiving weekly music instruction. Music is off to a great start this year and exciting things are happening in music classes at all grade levels. Ask your child or come visit!

Benefits of Music Education

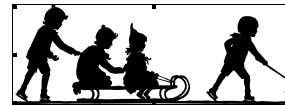
Numerous studies have shown that music study enhances teamwork skills, self-discipline and also develops brain areas involved in language, reasoning and spatial intelligence. Music students learn to think creatively, and are more successful on standardized tests such as the SAT.

What's New?

- We welcome **Mr. Eveland** to our staff this year. He is teaching Primary Music (grades 1-3) and Chorus (5th & 6th grade) and is job sharing with Mrs. Robertson at three sites in the afternoons: McKinley, Valley Vista and Penngrove. Mr. Eveland spends the other 80% of his time as the Petaluma High School Band Director, and has also in the past taught PJHS Bands. We welcome Mr. Eveland to our Elementary Music team!
- **Mrs. Robertson** is excited to be dividing her time between the elementary and secondary levels. She continues to teach Primary Music and Chorus at the elementary level and is now the choir teacher at Petaluma High School. We are excited Mrs. Robertson has expanded her expertise and talent into the high school vocal music program!

Fifth & Sixth Grade Band & Chorus

Fifth and Sixth grade students will have opportunities to perform this year in either a band or chorus Winter celebration at their school site during the day, with classmates and other students as audience. The following information outlines our performance schedule for both groups. Parents are invited to attend as well. All performances take place in the Multi, unless otherwise noted.



Dec 3	12:45 - 1:20	McKinley Chorus	Rm 15
Dec 8	2:00 – 2:30	McDowell Band	
Dec 9	9:20 – 10:20	McNear Chorus	Rm 5
Dec 10	2:00 – 2:30	McKinley Band	
Dec 11	11:10 – 11:40	Penngrove Chorus	
Dec 11	1:50 – 2:30	Penngrove Band	
Dec 14	10:45 – 11:45	Valley Vista Chorus	Daycare
Dec 14	2:00 – 2:30	Valley Vista Band	
Dec 15	8:15 – 8:45	Grant Chorus	
Dec 15	10:30 – 11:10	Grant Band	
Dec 16	10:50 – 11:20	McNear Band	

Community Music Calendar

All students are encouraged to attend community music events. Hearing musicians from the greater Petaluma area will give students a preview of musicianship at the secondary level and beyond:

12/9/09	6:30 PM	Multi	Petaluma Jr. High School Concert
12/10/09	7:00 PM	NMU	Casa Band Winter Concert
12/11/09	7:00 PM	Multi	Petaluma High School Choir Concert
12/14/09	7:30 PM	Casa NMU	Petaluma Community Band
12/17/09	7:00 PM	Multi	Petaluma HS Band Winter Concert
1/16/10	7:30 PM	Mystic Theatre	Benefit for Petaluma HS Band
2/27/10	6:00 PM	Luchessi	Jazz Dinner Dance – Benefit for Casa