



PLES General Music
Noteworthy
September 2017 Newsletter

A big big thank you!

Wow I have received such a warm welcome from staff, parents and students! Thank you for making me feel at home and for the practical help you have already given. I'm excited and honored to make music with your children! As a brief intro, here are some things I believe and practice:

- ★ Every child is a MUSIC MAKER!
- ★ First, we sing! The voice is an incredible instrument and the best place to start. *Every voice* is unique, capable and important.
- ★ Music is a verb! We don't just study or explore in my classroom. We MAKE MUSIC!

Important Dates (*Please record these on your calendars*):

- Thursday, September 14, *Red, White and Blue Day*. **LES students only**. Students are encouraged to **wear red, white and blue** for *National Anthem Day*. 203 years ago on September 14, 1814 (during the War of 1812), Francis Scott Key penned the "Star-Spangled Banner" in relief and joy! He had watched and survived a battle on an enemy ship and saw the American flag waving the next morning. We will sing our national anthem together at 8:15 AM in the gym and celebrate special activities during Music class throughout the day.
- Friday, October 6, 7:00 PM at PHS football stadium. LES students only. Ms. Klaassen has invited LES to sing the *Star-Spangled Banner* at the PHS football game with middle and high school students. More info coming!
- **Wednesday, October 25, 3rd Grade Program, 6:30 PM (6:00 Call Time) at PHS.**
 - Monday, October 23, *3rd Grade Program Walk-through*, 1:40 PM at PHS.
 - Tuesday, October 24, *3rd Grade Program Dress Rehearsal*, 2:00 PM at LES.
- **Thursday, December 14, PLES Holiday Concert, 6:30 (6:00 Call Time) at PHS.**

Contact Info:

Please contact me with ideas, questions, concerns, whatever! I have practiced Music Education for over 20 years, so I've learned a lot . . . but still have so much more to learn! I especially want to get to know your district and community so we can learn and make music well together! Here is my schedule and contact information:

- ➔ **M/W at Perry Elementary: 785.597.5156**
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and don't forget . . . Music is a verb!

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