

performing arts

Early School

In early school, students begin to experience music through a variety of activities, including singing, movement, and play-parties. Early schoolers also have their first experiences with using small hand percussion during this year of experiencing and enjoying music in a large group environment.

Kindergarten

In kindergarten, students continue to experience music in a variety of ways. Students develop a steady sense of beat and explore their singing voices. Simple folk dances are introduced.

First Grade

In first grade, students are well on their way to singing in tune. Students develop their sense of beat and learn simple rhythms that use quarter notes, eighth notes, half notes and quarter rests. They continue to use a variety of instruments to accompany their singing, and experiences in movement and folk dancing are also growing.

Second Grade

In second grade, students are able to expand their vocal and instrumental "color palette", including a wide variety of small percussion instruments. Second graders continue to develop their singing, creative movement, and folk dancing skills while enjoying a growing experience with the barred instruments.

Third Grade

In third grade, students continue their musical development through singing in rounds and playing the soprano recorder. Third graders approach more difficult music on the barred instruments and take on the challenge of approaching creative projects within a small-group setting.

Fourth Grade

In fourth grade, students broaden their vocal and instrumental skills through partner songs and more advanced recorder playing. Fourth graders get a beginning experience with World Music Drumming and develop their skills on the barred instruments as musical leaders of the Primary School.

Extra-Curricular

3/4 Choir

Tuesdays during lunch recess
11:45-12:15

Choir is optional; attendance is mandatory. Students may add or drop choir at the beginning of each trimester. This year, 3/4 choir will be performing in John Rutter's *Mass on the Children*; please see below.

IS (In School) Recitals

Oct. 21, Jan. 27, Apr 28 @ 3:30

These recitals are for students in Primary and Middle School. Eligible students include anyone who studies any instrument with any teacher. Sign-up forms are available in the PS/MS music room and are due one week before each recital date.

Piano Lessons

Contact for scheduling private school day piano lessons:
Paula Braun 886-3402
Terri Seitz 554-7978

Save the Dates!

2nd 3rd and 4th grade will present music and movement during the museum week. "Informances" will be on May 9, 10, and 12 (TBA).

March, 2011
ARTISTS-IN-RESIDENCE
Milwaukee Ballet

This Ballet-in-a-Box assembly transforms the Primary School gym into a theatre for an in-house performance given by Milwaukee professionals. Complete with set, costumes, and props, this assembly is the real deal - all without leaving school.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2010
Special Concert

Choral students in grades 3-12 will perform John Rutter's *Mass of the Children* in collaboration with the Racine Choral Arts Society at 3:00 PM and 7:00 PM.

OCTOBER 26, 2010

Field Studies

All students in grades 2-6 will attend a Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra concert featuring the music of Beethoven. You may chaperone if you are interested!