



VAPA Experience

OCTOBER, 2021 NEWSLETTER



The **BAND** family is off to a great start. With our common knowledge and instrument specific beginning techniques, we are now ready to begin learning tunes that you will recognize. Students have received band binders and beginning music sheets, and will begin using some technology tools to aid in their learning. Schoology is up and students have access to weekly lessons, new music and training videos. Please remind your student to bring their Chromebook, binders, and all supplies as we continue to make music together.



DANCE class has been so much fun! It has been awesome to get to know each other this past month and share our love for movement! In September we learned about many different dance styles. We also learned dance movement basics. This month in our dance class, we will reflect upon the different dance styles we experienced, pick one we would like to explore even more and begin learning a full dance routine. In addition to beginning a dance piece for class, students will expand upon their movement awareness/vocabulary and begin to put dance moves together in new ways. Every dancer will also gain knowledge about how their body moves through space properly to avoid injury. My goal is to make sure that students are having fun in a safe and supportive environment, while expanding their knowledge about the world of dance. I can't wait to see you in class!



In **DRAMA**, we are continuing to strengthen our "Actor Toolbox" of the body, voice, imagination, concentration and collaboration. We have a new procedure in our class where we "sign" a "contract" with these tools every day. Ask your performer to show you at home and look for more details in Schoology. In October, we will begin to develop material for our show in December. We will explore character, perspectives and place. I am excited to see where the students' imaginations will take them!

The VAPA **ORCHESTRA** is making great progress! All students have their own instrument to take back and forth to school. I am excited to hear improvements at every rehearsal. EXAMPLE: At the end of class on Wednesday, Douglass told me he has a couple of tunes he has learned and wants me to hear. My students continue to show how dedicated they are by their fantastic attendance. FYI – sometimes a child will forget to bring his or her instrument to school. Students are still welcome to come to rehearsals. I have many instruments they can use for that day.








Friendly Reminders

- Consistent attendance is mandatory to receive full credit for all VAPA classes.
- Please make every effort to pick up your student on time. Classes end at 4:00pm. D11 security may be called beginning at 4:20 to attend to any student not picked up.
- Please refer to the calendar often to make sure your student brings all materials to class. Students should attend class even if they forget something. Teachers will often be able to provide loaner instruments and materials.
- Parent/Teacher Conferences are the evening of Wednesday, Oct. 27 4:30-7:30 and Thursday, October 28, 8:30-7:30pm Email your child's teacher if you would like an appointment.

VAPA Class Schedule

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29 Orchestra Dance	30 Band Drama	1 Band Drama	2
3	4 Orchestra Dance	5 Band Drama	6 Orchestra Dance	7 Band Drama	8 Orchestra Dance	9
10	11 Orchestra Dance	12 Band Drama	13 Orchestra Dance	14 Band Drama	15 	16
17	18 	19 Band Drama	20 Orchestra Dance	21 Band Drama	22 Band Drama	23
24	25 Orchestra Dance	26 Band Drama	27 Orchestra Dance  4:30-7:30pm	28  8:30am -7:30 pm	29 	30
31	1 Orchestra Dance	2 Band Drama	3 Orchestra Dance	4 Band Drama	5 Orchestra Dance	6