

# Great Village Elementary School

## Music Program 2017-2018

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#### Program Overview

The music program consists of two 45 minute classes per week; one class on Tuesday, and the other on Wednesday. The program is designed to provide students with abundant opportunities to sing, move, listen, create, compose, and play instruments (both alone, and in a group.) Students will be encouraged and guided to make connections between music and other subject and life-experience areas. We will also work on developing skills of citizenship, teamwork, and multicultural sensitivity.

#### Expectations

##### **Students are expected to:**

- participate in activities with a positive attitude
- employ good listening skills
- listen to and follow directions
- engage in class discussions
- think critically and ask questions
- be kind and respectful classroom citizens

##### **Parents are invaluable partners in their child's education as they:**

- value their child's participation
- model interest in musical activities
- encouraging music rehearsal
- come to performances whenever possible

#### Curriculum

**The Nova Scotia Music Curriculum** states that: "Students will perform, listen to, create, and reflect on the various elements of music. In order to do this they will use voice, movement, and instruments in order to express feelings, ideas, and understandings."

The six musical elements in this curriculum are: 1. Rhythm; 2. Melody; 3. Harmony; 4. Musical Form and Structure; 5. Musical Expression; and 6. Music from Diverse Cultures (including Acadian, African-Nova Scotian, Gaelic, and Mi'kmaq cultures.)

## **Extra-Curricular Activities**

Students will have opportunities to extend their classroom experiences once each week at noon-times. On Tuesdays the grade 3/4 class members may choose to enhance their instrumental abilities on guitar, recorder, piano, and/or classroom instruments. Students in grades P to 2 may come each Wednesday after they finish eating to play games, play instruments, dance, and sing.

## **Evaluation**

Information on student progress is gathered through observations, conferences, participation and work samples. Evaluation is invaluable to support, encourage, and reinforce learning.

Should you ever have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at school (902-668-6500); or at home (902 895-2285); or by email: BlackP@ccrsb.ca

I look forward to a fun and productive year of music-making with the children and families of Great Village Elementary School.