

## **Musical Progress Report:**

All students, Pre-K to Grade 6 inclusive have been busy interpreting, inventing and appreciating music this term. I would like to take this opportunity to briefly describe the musical development of each cycle of students and to provide important detail concerning upcoming concerts for all students. All students in Cycles 1 to 3 inclusive will be formally evaluated on the next report card.

### **Pre K & Maternelle:**

The Pre-K and Maternelle students have been working hard at learning cowboy and cowgirl songs and dances in preparation for their upcoming show "*A Journey To The West*" that will take place at **10:00 A.M. on Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup>** in the school gym. In preparation for this fun event, I would like to ask all Pre-K and Maternelle parents to please help their child assemble a cowboy or cowgirl outfit for the show. The costume does not have to be elaborate (jeans, a t-shirt, and a cowboy hat). Please feel free to use your imagination!

### **Cycle 1: Grades 1 & 2**

Grade 1 and 2 students have been learning songs and dances associated with the theme of recycling and renewable sources of energy. In addition to learning to read rhythmic notation, Grade 1 & 2 children are incorporating xylophone and percussion arrangements into their songs and dances. The Cycle 1 concert, "*Recycle It!*" will take place at **12:45 P.M. on Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup>** in the school gym. As our show is about thinking green, all students are requested to wear something green for the show (green pants, green shirt, green hat, green shades, even green socks if you want).

### **Cycle 2: Grades 3 & 4**

Grade 3 and 4 students have been focusing upon Spanish music that will compliment our upcoming concert "*Cuba Si!*" celebrating Cuban culture. This exciting concert will take place at **12:45 on Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup>** in the school gym. Grade 3 students have been working very hard learning the fingerings of the recorder as well as expanding their music literacy skills through their interaction with new Cuban influenced compositions. Grade 4 students have been further honing their rhythmic and melodic literacy as well as becoming more focused as a class instrumental ensemble. In addition all Cycle 2 students are learning to sing in Spanish! All students are expected to dress in black on the afternoon of the show.

### **Cycle 3: Grades 5 & 6**

I am pleased to say that we have a very talented group of Cycle 3 students that have already made impressive progress with 3 new arrangements of instrumental Cuban music! Cycle 3 students continue to integrate their music literacy, instrumental proficiency, and creative input into the development of class instrumental ensembles. The Cycle 3 students have been preparing a wonderful Cuban influenced interpretation of a Sting composition. All Cycle 3 students will perform in our "*Cuba Si!*" concert that will

take place at **12:45 P.M. on Thursday December 10th** in the school gym. All students are expected to wear black on the afternoon of the show.

**Guitar Students:**

All after-school guitar students have been practicing music that will be featured in the upcoming December concerts. Beginner guitar students have been starting to learn some “traveling-west” music that will be performed in the PreK and Maternelle concert, “***A Journey to the West***” at **10:00 A.M. on Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup>** in the school gym. All Intermediate and Advanced guitar students have been working on Cuban music that will be performed in the “***Cuba Si!***” concert at **12:45 P.M. on Thursday, December 10th** in the school gym.

I look forward to seeing all parents at the upcoming shows!

Yours in Music and Fun

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David Eves, Music Teacher