

Welcome to Music at North Stonington Elementary School

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MUSIC MATTERS!



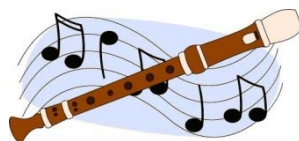
Classroom Music: The elementary music program at North Stonington Elementary School is aligned with the National and Connecticut State Standards for Music Education as well as connecting to Common Core Standards. Students in kindergarten through grade six receive a 45 minute music class each week. Students in the preschool program come to music class once per week for 25 minutes.

Music Schedule

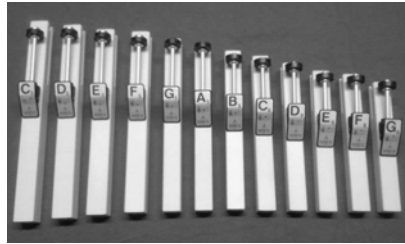
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Gabriel	Edwards	Buehler	Lungren	Bessette
Yon A.M.	Kiddy	Servidio	Brownell	Curry A.M.
Yon P.M.	Coats	Adams	Costanza	Caswell
Chorus	Stegeman	Hines	Tardiff	Williams
Chorus		Curry PM	Goodwin	Bennett
		Mirando	Rose	Clark

Students learn a variety of musical concepts with focuses on singing and movement to music. All classes sing using solfege symbols (do, re, mi, fa, etc...) and also learn the musical hand signs for these tones called Kodaly hand signs. Reading notation is learned at the primary level and is expanded through the grades.

Students in grade three and four learn to play the recorder instrument and learn how to produce a musical tone while reading standard music notation. Students receive their own recorder to play, which they get to keep at the end of the school year.



Students in grades 4, 5 and 6 learn to ring handchimes as part of their music classes during the year. We are fortunate to own two, 3-octave sets of Malmark Handchimes.



All classes have opportunities to play classroom instruments, playing rhythmically and with expression. Movement is incorporated into lessons, where students are able to be creative and express themselves through listening and responding to various musical genres.

All students in grades K-6 have an opportunity to perform, with students preparing a grade level music concert each spring. These performances provide students with the experience of singing and speaking in front of an audience. Students develop confidence in being in front of audience as well as learning singing and speaking parts to a musical production.



Sixth Grade Chorus

Students in grade 6 have the opportunity to join the **6th Grade Chorus**. Chorus is an optional musical activity and no audition is required to be in the chorus. Being a chorus member requires discipline to choral music and students develop performance skills at a high level. In chorus, students expand their knowledge of singing and perform two major concerts during the school year, with other performance opportunities at various school assemblies. Students attend mandatory chorus rehearsals each Monday for 40 minutes. Gr. 6 Chorus and Gr. 6 Band meet at the same time, but students who elect to be in both groups alternate between chorus and band rehearsals each week.





National Standards for Music Education

1. *Singing, alone and with others, a varied repertoire of music.*
2. *Performing on instruments, alone and with others, a varied repertoire of music.*
3. *Improvising melodies, variations, and accompaniments.*
4. *Composing and arranging music within specified guidelines.*
5. *Reading and notating music.*
6. *Listening to, analyzing, and describing music.*
7. *Evaluating music and music performances.*
8. *Understanding relationships between music, the other arts, and disciplines outside the arts.*
9. *Understanding music in relation to history and culture.*