



# VAPA News

*Visual and Performing Arts News of Madera Unified School District*

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## WHY IS GENERAL MUSIC SO IMPORTANT?



*In a Flash...*



### **Composer, Arranger Key Poulan is Coming!**

*He will be presenting the new implemented band curriculum to middle and high school band teachers.*

### **Winter Showcase Party**

*All MUSD is invited to the  
December 9, 2017 event.*

### **MHS Band Family Night**

*Monday, September 18, 2017*

You might say to yourself, why is general music so important? In addition to all of the life skills that students learn from the arts "in general", students learn a multitude of skills from continued, consistent instruction in general music, beginning at an early age. Music ignites all areas of child development and skills for school readiness: intellectual, social and emotional, motor, language, and overall literacy. It helps the body and the mind work together.

Exposing children to music during early development helps them learn the sounds and meanings of words. Research has found that learning music facilitates learning other subjects, and enhances skills that children inevitably use in other areas such as:

- Language Development
- Increased IQ
- The Brain Works Harder
- Spatial-Temporal Skills
- Improved Test Scores
- Being Musical

Students begin in Kindergarten with Mr. Daniel Kaneko, new music teacher at Virginia Lee Rose, which prepares them to participate in the future with the MHS

### *Upcoming Events*

- 9/12  
Key Poulan Workshop  
3:30 pm
- 9/14  
Real Middle School  
Men Sing, Fresno State
- 9/15  
Real High School Men  
Sing, Fresno State
- 9/14  
The 24<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Celebrate Agriculture  
with the Arts Exhibition  
& Awards Ceremony  
5:30 pm
- 9/18  
MSHS Band Family  
Night  
7:30 pm
- 9/23  
Old Timer's Parade,  
10:00 am
- 9/30  
Band Night  
6:30 pm
- 12/9  
Winter Showcase Party,  
Warner's Theatre in  
Fresno  
7:00 pm
- 4/16  
Blue Pyramid Band  
Showcase  
6:30 pm

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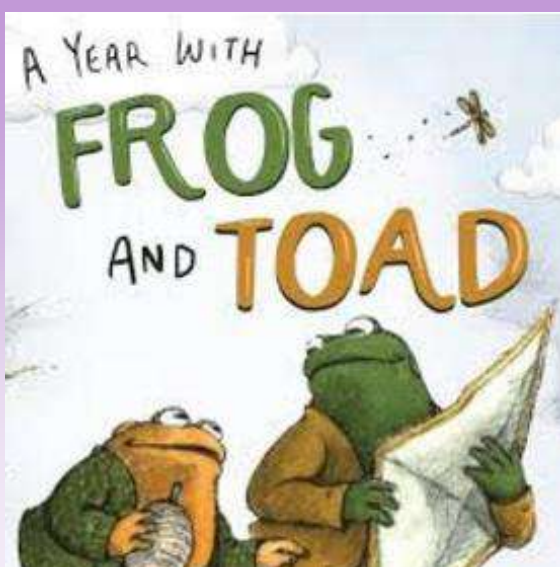
### General Music continued...

Band, playing at their first football game of the season and Sierra Vista Elementary's Back-2-School Night.



### Corn Dogs, Popcorn, Cotton Candy and TJ Murals!

Thomas Jefferson Art Department has entered their new mural in the Madera District Fair.



The production of A Year with FROG and TOAD presented by Madera South Theatre Company (MSTC) will be available to school sites October 6 and runs through December. The show is a 30 minute musical targeting audiences from Kindergarten thru 6<sup>th</sup> Grade. Read the book with your class and contact MSTC for a show.

The show is available at MSHS and also can travel to school sites upon request. To book a show, contact the MSHS Drama Department at (559) 675-4450 ext. 1021.