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The Show Must Go On!

And, So Must "The Practice..."



Diego Zarate-White, Music Teacher, Howard School, provides the personal touch for students at his school. Students at Howard School and at **all** Madera Unified Schools are issued instruments at their school site for home use to practice and participate in weekly Zoom and/or Google Meets music lessons.



Ryan Dirlam, New Director of Bands at Matilda Torres High School, looks forward to the day when band rehearsals return to normal. In the meantime, students are issued instruments and receive instruction via Zoom.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Tuesdays/Wednesdays 8:00am
Weekly Elementary/Middle
School Music Teacher Meetings
- 9/15 Middle School Art Teachers
Check in Meeting @ 8:15am
- 11/11 No School- Veterans Day
- 11/23-
11/26 No School- Thanksgiving Break
- 12/21-
1/11 No School- Winter Break
- 1/18 No School- Martin Luther King
Jr. Day
- 2/8 No School- Lincoln's Day
- 2/15 No School- Washington's Day
- 2/2021 Lanaea Virtual Festival
- 4/1-4/5 No School- Spring Break
- 4/16-4/17 Motherload Festival
- Spring 21 MSHS-MSTC's Presents:
The Little Mermaid
- 5/31 Memorial Day

And then there is maintenance and repair...

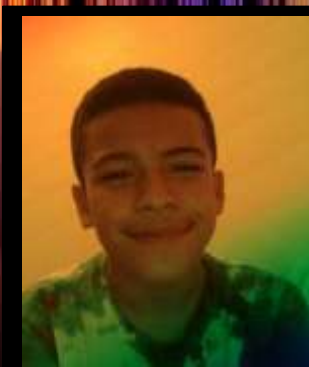


Megan Gerling, Music Teacher
Monroe Elementary School
Desmond Middle School

Wednesdays are not just food pick up days for the students at Monroe Elementary. When band and orchestra students stop by Monroe to collect their weekly meals, they can also visit the music station and get their instruments checked and adjusted, pick up a clarinet or alto saxophone reed, replace a violin string or oil the valves on their trumpet. Yes, the show must go on but for that to happen, the instruments must work properly.



And this is why we must have the Arts in school for students.



"Music is not just music. It's a way to express yourself and how you are feeling. Orchestra is somewhere you can just express yourself and take your mind off of other stuff so that is what I am really excited for." *Aidan D. from Desmond Orchestra*

"My favorite thing about orchestra is that I get to learn new things like music, strings and instruments I didn't know about." - *Maria A. from Monroe Orchestra*

