

APS Elementary Music Ensembles
Newsletter #1
September 8, 2024

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Monday, September 16—NO REHEARSAL

Tuesday, September 17—3rd Grade Drumtastix Rehearsal @ 7:45 AM

Wednesday, September 18—NO REHEARSAL

Thursday, September 19—4th/5th Grade Drumtastix Rehearsal @ 7:45 AM

Friday, September 20—Xylophonix Rehearsal @ 7:45 AM

Monday, September 23—2nd Grade Falcon Kids Choir Rehearsal @ 7:45 AM

Tuesday, September 24—3rd Grade Drumtastix Rehearsal @ 7:45 AM

Wednesday, September 25—3rd Grade Falcon Kids Choir Rehearsal @ 7:45 AM

Thursday, September 26—4th/5th Grade Drumtastix Rehearsal @ 7:45 AM

Friday, September 27—NO REHEARSALS/NO SCHOOL

PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE—MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The only dates I currently have ensembles scheduled for are as follows:

October 18—4th/5th Drumtastix Demonstration Group @ 6 PM; afternoon rehearsal TBD

December 16—Holiday Performance—ALL ENSEMBLES—including SINGING FALCONS

January 28—Oakwood Talent Show—4th/5th Drumtastix & Xylophonix

March 25—Elementary Fine Arts Night—3rd Drumtastix and 2nd & 3rd Falcon Kids Choirs

April 1 and/or 2—Oakwood Fine Arts Night—4th/5th Drumtastix & Xylophonix

More dates to come for Life Stream Tree Lighting, Whitecaps National Anthem, Festival of the Arts & potential Michigan's Adventure performances.

SHIRTS

If you have already ordered a shirt for your child, you are all set. If you have not, please use this [link](#) to do so. If your child has a Falcon Kids Choir shirt from last year or a sibling, they may use that shirt. ALL XYLOPHONIX and DRUMTASTIX students will need new shirts. XYLOPHONIX has navy blue shirts and DRUMTASTIX has bright green shirts for BOTH groups this year.

COMMUNICATION

All communication will be sent via email, basically every week in this newsletter format. For second and third graders, reminders will also be sent via Class DoJo. Please feel free to reach out with any questions to dezwaandan@apsfalcons.net

ARRIVAL

Each rehearsal starts at 7:45 AM. All groups will rehearse at Evergreen. Students may arrive as early as 7:30 AM thru the Evergreen West Office Door (Door M) and continue to the Evergreen West Music Room. If your child goes to Good Time Friends, they will be sent at the appropriate time to rehearsal.

ATTENDANCE

The success of our ensembles is directly tied to the level of regular attendance and participation of each member. In order to encourage weekly attendance, all students who arrive by rehearsal start time (7:45 AM) will be able to enter into a drawing for one student to win a prize each week. All of those who do not win each week will have the opportunity to win a 'bigger prize' periodically throughout the year.

The expectation for all groups is that students will participate appropriately in all rehearsals and ensembles. Part of this expectation is that students are committed to being involved in our groups for the entire year. This is particularly true of DrumtastiX and Xylophonix who have limited instruments and therefore have limited numbers of students who could sign up for this. Please respect the fact that others who wanted to be in these groups were not able to because of those limits.

PEOPLE TO KNOW

Mr. De Zwaan—Director of Xylophonix, Drumtastix, Falcon Kids Choir

Mrs. Green—Falcon Kids Choir Accompanist

Mr. Wells—Grand Valley First Semester Student Assistant