

APS Elementary Music Ensembles
Newsletter #7
October 17, 2024

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Monday, October 21—2nd Grade Falcon Kids Choir Rehearsal @ 7:45 AM
Monday, October 21—Xylophonix Rehearsal @ 3:30 PM
Tuesday, October 22—3rd Grade DrumtastiX Rehearsal @ 7:45 AM
Wednesday, October 23—3rd Grade Falcon Kids Choir Rehearsal @ 7:45 AM
Thursday, October 24—4th/5th Grade DrumtastiX Rehearsal @ 7:45 AM
Friday, October 25—Xylophonix Rehearsal @ 7:45 AM

Monday, October 28—2nd Grade Falcon Kids Choir Rehearsal @ 7:45 AM
Tuesday, October 29—3rd Grade DrumtastiX Rehearsal @ 7:45 AM
Wednesday, October 30—3rd Grade Falcon Kids Choir Rehearsal @ 7:45 AM
Thursday, October 31—4th/5th Grade DrumtastiX Rehearsal @ 7:45 AM
Friday, November 1—Xylophonix Rehearsal @ 7:45 AM

PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE—MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The dates ensembles are currently scheduled for are as follows:

November 6—Pictures for 2nd AND 3rd Grade Falcon Kids Choir & 3rd Grade DrumtastiX
November 7—Pictures for 4th/5th DrumtastiX & Xylophonix
December 13—Falcon Kids Choirs at Life Stream Tree Lighting, Time TBD
December 14—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

SHIRTS & PICTURES

Shirts have been handed out to all ensemble members. If your child does not have the shirt they need, please email me with your child's name, ensemble and size shirt that they need. We will need them for pictures that are going to be taken in a couple weeks. If your child has not received their shirt this week and they should have, please contact Mr. De Zwaan ASAP with your child's name, the group and the size shirt that they need.

Third Grade Falcon Kids Choir will have pictures taken during rehearsal on Wednesday, November 6. Second Grade Falcon Kids Choir and Third Grade DrumtastiX will have pictures taken at the beginning of the school day.

Fourth and Fifth Grade DrumtastiX will have pictures taken AT OAKWOOD on Thursday, November 7 during our rehearsal time. Xylophonix will have pictures taken the same day after school starts.

CONGRATULATIONS 4th & 5th DRUMTASTIX

4th and 5th Grade DrumtastiX had a great time with Mrs. Kris Olson on Friday learning how to do calls and echos and learning a piece that I hope we can have performance ready for our Holiday Show! Thanks to our parents who made this work for a rehearsal and demonstration. Excellent job, drummers!

BREAKFAST & GOOD TIME FRIENDS

If you are planning on your child getting breakfast, they will be leaving rehearsal in time each week for breakfast. If they are not getting breakfast, they will leave each week as a group to the playground.

Students who participate in Good Time Friends will walk from the Evergreen cafeteria to the Evergreen West Music Room prior to our rehearsals starting. Please communicate with myself or GTF staff if there are any issues with this.

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