



MUSIC NEWS!



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Notes from Kindergarten Music

What We Do!

Music is an essential part of every child's well-rounded education. Music aids in the development of reading and language skills, provides help with development of fine motor skills, and aids in the exploration of creative expression. The goals of Kindergarten music class are:

1. To explore the sounds our voices can make
2. To begin to learn to match pitch with our singing voices
3. To identify and move on the beat of music
4. To express musical characteristics through body movement
5. To learn to enjoy music as a nuanced art form

Kindergarten music classes are held twice a week for a half hour. Each class is a "musical workout" that is fun and fast-paced. If you are interested in attending a music class with your child, you are always welcome. Each month, a newsletter will be posted on our classroom website highlighting some of our current songs and games.

Meet the Teacher

Mrs. Sara Herdina is a Belgrade native. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in K-12 Music Education and a Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction – both from MSU – Bozeman.

Mrs. Herdina is an active singer and saxophonist in the Gallatin Valley. She enjoys skiing, biking, hiking, reading, and cooking. She and her husband, Michael, live in Belgrade with their 5-year-old son, Gabriel and baby daughter, Rose. ☺

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Herdina at the school, or email her at sherdina@belgradeschools.com.

Concert Times!

The Kindergarten Music classes will present a winter concert for our families in December. The theme is a demonstration concert highlighting all of the fun things we learn in music class. We will begin working on our program in November. Please put this date on the family calendar. All concerts will take place in the Saddle Peak Gym! Keep watching for more information!

Monday, December 5th: Kindergarten @ 6PM

What We Can Do at Home

Homework will not be assigned in music class, however, there are some really fun things that you can do with music at home as a family:

- Share your favorite songs/artists with your children.
- Encourage everyone in your family to sing, even if it's only along with the radio in the car!
- Dance and move to music whenever possible.
- Kindergarten is a great time to begin piano, cello, or violin lessons. Please let Mrs. Herdina know if you're interested and she can help you find a teacher.

Saddle Peak Music Online!

The Saddle Peak Music website is www.saddlepeakmusic.weebly.com

Please visit it to see upcoming newsletters, sign-up for email updates, see concert schedules, lyrics for songs, etc...