

Ms. Vogler's Music Notes



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Wow! Marking period one has come and gone in the blink of an eye! Time flies when you are having fun. As we approach December I'd like to give you a brief update:

November 30th – 4th, 5th, 6th grade students will be adventuring on a field trip to see Roxey Ballet's rendition of *The Nutcracker* by Pytor Ilyich Tchaikovsky at TCNJ's Kendall Theater. The ballet company has a variety of performances throughout the year. Their website can be found [here](#).

December 5th – 4th, 5th, 6th grade band and 5th & 6th grade chorus will be performing at 7:00pm in the WAS APR. The December 5th performance will be performed by students' voluntary participation in band or chorus during the school day.

3rd grade students are beginning their journey on recorder! No, parents, they will not be coming home with students just yet. But don't you worry! Your ears will be ringing with beautiful Baroque sounds soon!

Orff-Schülwerk: Sing, Say, Move, Play!

Teaching approach developed by Carl Orff & Gunild Keetman

Language, dance, and music are equal forms of expression

A work process that gives participants creative freedom to explore, play, and improvise

Stimulates elemental music making; derived from the child's natural instinct to play and experience

Primary characteristic is a progression from teacher-directed to student-generated experiences



Upcoming Events

December 5, 2018

Winter Band & Chorus
Concert – 7:00pm WAS APR

March 21, 2019

Music in our Schools Month
Instrumental Recital
(optional for grades 4 – 6)

April 4, 2019

K – 4 Performance:
"Color Your World"

May 1, 2019

Spring Band & Chorus
Concert

Meet Tchaikovsky

Born in 1840; Russian

Received harsh criticism for his compositions. His music gained phenomenal appreciation very late in his career.

Conducted the inaugural performance at Carnegie Hall in 1891 even though he suffered extreme stage fright.

The delightful twinkle sound in *Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy* is played by an instrument called the celesta.

Classroom Happenings

Performance Update

For the holidays, the Wildcat Chorus (grades 5, 6) and the Wildcat Bands (grades 4, 5, 6) will be hosting a performance on December 5th at 7:00pm in the WAS APR with classics such as *Sleigh Ride* and a fun tune from *Elf*.

There will be a *NEW* annual themed performance in early spring **to replace** the annual holiday performance. This change in date provides students more time to learn and [create](#).

This year's performance is entitled

"Color Your World!"

We will be creating a performance based on thematic books and songs!

My [goal](#) at West Amwell Elementary School is to help cultivate students with a lifelong understanding and appreciation of the arts; as John Feierabend puts it: "[tuneful, beatful, artful](#)" people.



Kindergarten

students have been exploring their four voices (speak, sing, whisper, shout) and moving their bodies to a steady beat. We started learning about high and low sounds. Where would you find high sounds? What about a low sound?

First grade through sixth grade

students have begun learning new concepts and incorporating them into student-generated compositions!



The music classroom Instagram has periodic updates.

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