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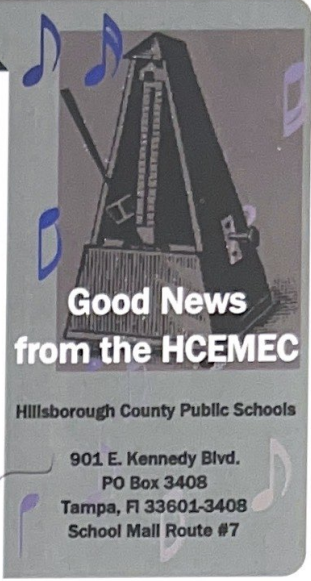
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from the HCEMEC**

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WELCOME BACK!!

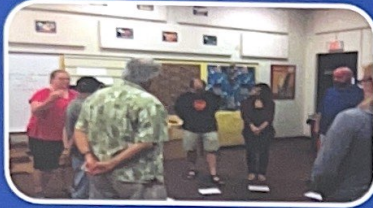


**WELCOME TO AN EXCITING NEW SCHOOL YEAR...
A YEAR OF CHANGE, CHALLENGE, AND CHAMPIONS!**

We had a great Professional Study Day in which music EET evaluators, Jennifer LeBlanc and Carolyn Switalski, presented a very informative session on what the new evaluation looks like for the elementary music teacher. Lia Crawford, Supervisor of Elementary Mathematics and Jack Fahle, District Resource Teacher, presented a fun and interactive way for integrating math with the arts while Frank Hannaway and LaGretta Snowden took rubrics to a new level. Teachers were able to get great ideas in the Grab 'n Go session facilitated by Vickie Massmann. Look for those lessons in The Conservatory soon.

The 2010-2011 Elementary Music Curriculum Leadership Team members have been working diligently during the summer and beginning of school. These members are Jodie Donahoo, Frank Hannaway, Vickie Massmann, James Rigby, LaGretta Snowden, and Anita Vani. We are looking forward to a curriculum that unifies elementary music throughout our district.

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Music Specialists participate in professional development during the summer.



Sponsored by Little Kids Rock, Rich Eckhardt, guitarist for Toby Keith, spends an afternoon with students from Oak Grove Elementary.

WELCOME BACK MESSAGE

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Little Kids Rock will be back this fall with another guitar workshop! On that note, LKR sponsored an exciting event at Oak Grove Elementary (David Hendricks, Sara Lamb, Music Teachers) on September 3rd. Toby Keith was in concert in Tampa and OG students were the beneficiaries of a session with Rich Eckhardt, guitarist for Toby Keith.

Welcome to all of our teachers new and returning to Elementary Music this year! Please make them feel welcome and supported. Nicole Ackels (Roland Park), Shari Collins (Kenly), Amanda Deivert (Lomax), Rick Estes (Turner), Ken Gabel (DeSoto), Erica Krueger (Cypress Creek), Sara Lamb (Oak Grove), Jason Litt (Chiles), Rachel Murphy (Just), Adam Olson (Twin Lakes), Stephanie Piel (Ruskin), Jeanetta Smith (Potter), Alisa Strike (Frost), and Rebecca Vincent (Ippolito). Kristin Ingram (LaVoy) and Richard Peak (Caminiti) have also joined our ESE music faculty.

LOOK FOR CHANGE.

ENJOY THE CHALLENGE.

AND BE A CHAMPION!

♪ *Melanie Faulkner, Elementary Fine Arts Supervisor*



IMPORTANT DATES

THESE DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. PLEASE CHECK YOUR E-MAIL

AND THE CONSERVATORY ON IDEAS REGULARLY FOR UPDATES.

October 14, 2010 Regional Meetings North Region—Hunter's Green Elementary
 East Region—Schmidt Elementary
 West Region—Seminole Elementary

November 12, 2010 Young Songwriter's Concert

January 12-15, 2011 FMEA Convention

February or March 2011 Music In Our Schools Month
 Proclamation

March 2011 Multi-Cultural Festival

April 2011 Fine Arts Banquet

May 18, 2011 Fine Arts Festival

June 2011 Music Council General Meeting

October 2010

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JOIN HCEMEC

Our mission is to provide greater opportunities for quality music education to the children of Hillsborough County through high professional standards, continuing teacher education and supporting a strong music community as advocates for lifelong music education.

Annual dues are \$15 per member. Checks should be made out to "Music Council" and mailed to:

Kim Spurlin
Hunter's Green Elementary, Route #3

LEARNING CONTINUES FOR TEACHERS...

SUMMER MUSIC INSTITUTE

A WEEK OF MUSICAL POTPOURRI

If you have never attended the Summer Music Institute, boy are you missing out! A week of idea sharing with colleagues is a great way to prepare for the upcoming school year. Give up one of the last weeks of summer vacation to spend it in a workshop? I know how that sounds, but it is totally worth it!

Our week consisted of 7 half day workshops and one final session showcasing all that we had done during the week. Kim Roberts presented 'A Little Bit of Everything!'. Singing games, folk dances and assessments were the focus of the first morning. The afternoon consisted of a 'Part 2' to Noemi Perez-Silva's 'Music and Science' workshop presented this past spring. The book/CD *Science Songs and Stories for the Big Question* would be a valuable resource to add to any music teacher's library. Frank Hannaway gave us instruction on guitar methods on the second day. His reproducible chord charts

were quite helpful and the content of his website a handy tool. Two of his guitar students from Macfarlane Park performed for us and they were amazing! To "Glee" or not to "Glee" was the question Ernesta Chiklowski posed to us. She provided simple ways to 'Razzle 'em and Dazzle 'em' with show choir style choreography. We even created our own choreography to song 'mash ups' (two songs 'mashed' together) and performed for each other! Matt Stone had us up and dancing early on day three. We learned dances for both intermediate and primary students from many different cultures. Wrapping up day three was Cliff Fouts and his session on using a SMART board in the music classroom. We created lessons using the SMART board and learned where to find additional lessons posted by other teachers. Our fourth and final day began with an idea exchange. Each of the participants presented a short, favorite lesson. So many great ideas were shared! The end of the workshop was a music and art showcase. This showcase gave the art teachers a chance to see what we had been up to all week, and vice versa. We taught the art teachers some of our songs and dances, and they displayed their amazing art projects for us.

The Summer Music Institute was a fun-filled week of song, dance and music making. We are lucky to have such wonderful teachers in our district who are willing to share their tips and tricks with everyone. What a fantastic way to kick off a new school year!



THROUGH THE SUMMER ...AND STUDENTS

SUMMER CAMP

Led by Jeff Henson, Hammond Elementary, and Juan Rios, Cannella Elementary, Hillsborough County third, fourth, and fifth grade students were immersed in a week-long summer camp of hands-on music activities. Previously held in South Tampa, and last year at Hammond, this is the third year the camp has been offered.

Beginning on June 14th, students from across the county reported to Hammond Elementary to spend a week in their favorite room of the school, the music room! There, students were treated to a wide variety of music activities, from a wide variety of cultures. Whether playing drums, dancing, strumming on the guitar, composing, or playing xylophones, the students were all there to have fun and make music.



Above, Hillsborough students participate in the third Summer Music Camp at Hammond Elementary.

Left and opposite page, Music Specialists learn from colleagues about guitar, science integration, and show choir during the Summer Music Institute.



www.littlekidsrock.org



LITTLE KIDS ROCK!

I'M SURE YOU ALREADY KNOW THAT LITTLE KIDS ROCK.

BUT SERIOUSLY... "LITTLE KIDS ROCK"!

Several Hillsborough County music teachers received a keyboard grant through the "Little Kids Rock" program. Participating teachers gathered in July for two fun filled days of jamming and exploring the cutting edge curriculum. They not only received the LKR curriculum, but also fifteen keyboards and stands to build their very own keyboard lab in their classrooms!

Little Kids Rock has already been established in our county for the past several years providing guitars, basses and drums along with curriculum and materials to several schools in our area. In fact, LKR has so much of our county's support that two of our very own colleagues, Dann Shea and David Hendricks, were recruited and are now Little Kids Rock Ambassadors! Thank you to Dann and David, along with Brian Gellerstein, the National Program Director for LKR, for an outstanding summer workshop.

Please support LKR by visiting their website www.littlekidsrock.org. Don't be surprised if you find one of our Hillsborough County Schools in the spotlight! Thank you Little Kids Rock for giving us the "keys" to the future!

♪ Tracy LaBarbera, Morgan Woods Elementary

TECH RESOURCES

SMART board ideas and lessons - <http://exchange.smarttech.com>

Music Tech Teacher—<http://musictechteacher.com>

Music Activities and Arts Integration Lessons - <http://www.philtulga.com/resources.html>

I Know That! - <http://www.iknowthat.com/com/L3?Area=Music>

Morton Subotnick's Creating Music - <http://www.creatingmusic.com>

Science of Music Accidental Scientist - www.exploratorium.edu/music

Classics for Kids - <http://www.classicsforkids.com>

HCEMEC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to another year of music-making! My name is Betty Trascritti from Bryant Elementary and I am President of the Hillsborough County Elementary Music Educators Council (HCEMEC) for the 2010-11 school year. I hope everyone has had a great start to their school year. We have already had several exciting events to get us going. Over the summer we had the Summer Music Institute at Carrollwood and Nelson Elementary Schools. Over 40 teachers had a chance to "recharge their batteries" with exciting activities that they could take straight back to their own classrooms. Also over the summer, 20 teachers were able to participate in the Little Kids Rock Keyboard workshop. This is a fabulous program and I highly recommend that you apply to attend the next one that comes to Tampa. You and your students will greatly benefit from these trainings!

Our first Professional Study Day was a great success. Not only did we receive a lot of great ideas concerning assessment, math integration, and "grab and go" activities but we got to speak directly to our Peer Evaluators, and learn valuable information about the upcoming EET evaluation system. I was also **thrilled** that we gained 100 members for the Music Council on our first day of accepting dues. At our council meeting we introduced the new board members and gave out some fabulous door prizes!

We had our first general council meeting on September 13th and we had a great turnout! At this meeting teachers were given information about the upcoming council activities for the year including Regional Meetings, HCEMEC mini-grants, Young Songwriters' Symposium, Multi-Cultural Festival, Fine Arts Banquet, and Fine Arts Festival. Our next scheduled event is our Regional Meetings on October 14, 2010, 3:30-5:00pm. Meetings will be held at Hunter's Green Elementary, Schmidt Elementary, and Seminole Elementary. The agenda will be the same at all meetings so you may attend whichever one is most convenient to you. Please check in the conservatory regularly for announcements of all future dates and events for the school year.

If you hadn't had a chance to send in your annual dues yet, it's not too late! Dues for the year are only \$15 and this money is used to sponsor our many council events throughout the year including our biggest event, the annual Fine Arts Festival. Dues may be sent to Kim Spurlin at Hunter's Green Elementary, Route 3. Please make your checks out to "Music Council."

I look forward to seeing all of you at our exciting events this year!

Betty Trascritti, Bryant Elementary, HCEMEC President



ELEMENTARY MUSIC TEACHER DIRECTORY

Who is that teacher? Where does he or she teach?

Don't forget to check the Elementary Music Directory,
available in the Conservatory on IDEAS!

SUBMIT YOUR IDEAS

Have an awesome lesson you want to share? Does your school present an amazing program that you would like to spotlight? Would you like to write an article for *On the UpBeat!*?

Submit your ideas to Cliff Fouts on IDEAS.

On The UpBeat is the professional publication for the Hillsborough County Music Educators' Council. We want it to feature useful and informative materials for the members, so we need you to tell us what you want. If you are a member of HCEMEC and wish to be published send your ideas for consideration now.



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