

WELCOME TO WORLD DRUMMING

The students will learn hand drumming traditions of West Africa and the Caribbean, combined with singing, moving, playing auxiliary percussion instruments and creating new songs. The students will also create their own unique instruments and make a group presentation. Through this class, the students will learn important life skills such as communication, listening, teamwork, discipline, respect for others and an appreciation for other cultures. The students will develop stronger self-esteem and performance skills through their class participation and group presentations.

GRADING

- 50% Class participation
- 30% Individual assessment
- 20% Group presentations

There will be three points awarded daily for class participation. Daily points are assessed in this manner.

Focus Skills:

- Are you focusing on directions?
- Are you focusing on rhythm patterns?
- Are you focusing on hand positions?
- Are you focusing on the task to be completed?

Listening Skills:

- Are you listening to directions?
- Are you listening to the patterns?
- Are you listening to the other parts?

Musical Skills:

- Can you accurately play the rhythms and sing the songs correctly?

Respect:

- Are you having respect for others?
- Are you having respect for the instruments?
- Are you having respect for directions given?
- Are you having respect for your own playing ability?
- Are you having respect for the playing ability of others?
- Are you having respect for the performances presented by others?
- Are you having respect for all people's teaching abilities?

Teamwork:

- Are you working as a cooperative member of the ensemble?

TARDIES

With the third tardy in the trimester, the student will serve an hour detention. With the sixth tardy, the student will serve a Wednesday School. With the seventh tardy, and every tardy thereafter, the student will have a 5% grade reduction.

EXTRA CREDIT PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES

Fri., Oct. 2 – Homecoming Halftime Show

Sat., Nov. 7 – Masterworks Concert at Tartan High School

Mon., Dec. 14 – Choir Concert at North High School

Mon., Jan. 11 – Choir Pyramid Concert at North High School