

# 2025 Elementary All-County Honors Concert

October 2024

Dear Elementary Music Colleagues,

The Pinellas County Music Educators Association (PCMEA) and PCS present the Elementary All-County Honors Concert each year. This special concert provides a wonderful opportunity for your outstanding choral and instrumental students to gain experience and perform under the direction of guest clinicians. This year's concert will feature the All-County Chorus, Orff, and World Drumming ensembles. *Please note that Strings will perform on a separate concert with our secondary students and colleagues on February 8, 2025.*

Our guest clinicians will be:

- **Dr. James Guyer**, Director for the Sarasota Young Voices will conduct the Honors Chorus.
- **Elizabeth Rook**, Elementary Music Specialist at Perkins Elementary, will conduct the Orff Ensemble, and
- **Nathaniel Strawbridge**, Elementary Music Specialist in Hillsborough County and Professor at University of Tampa, will conduct the World Drumming Ensemble.

Dates and Locations:

South County Schools Sectional will be on **Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup>** from 6:00-8:00 PM at Frontier Elementary in Clearwater.

North County Schools rehearsal will be on **Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup>** from 6:00-8:00 PM At Forest Lakes Elementary in Oldsmar.

Combined Rehearsals will be on **Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup> & Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup>** from 6:00 – 8:00 PM at High Point Elementary in Clearwater.

Concert will be performed Saturday, **February 22, 2025**, 12:30 PM at the Mahaffey Theater in St. Petersburg. The Dress Rehearsal will be held in the morning before the concert at Mahaffey.

Please review the responsibilities of the Music Specialist. It is important that we strive to create a quality musical experience for the students. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email us. We look forward to having you and your musicians participate!

Sincerely,

Kate Bates, Tyler Polston, and Brian Scott  
Elementary All-County Coordinators



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## Music Specialist's Responsibilities

- Attend all rehearsals with students. *(If you are unable to attend, a representative from your faculty must be in attendance.)*
- Be responsible for your students' behavior throughout all rehearsals.
- Make CD's and/or digital copies accessible for your students to rehearse. Help prepare your participant.
- Communicate with parents regarding drop-off and pick-up times for rehearsals and the concert.
- Perform your assigned job during rehearsals and the concert.
- Return all forms by the deadlines to allow adequate preparation time for each phase.
- Attend Teacher Read-Through on Thursday, November 7, 2024 at Pinellas Central Elementary Return all copies of music by the Dress Rehearsal on February 22<sup>nd</sup>
- **Submit participant information to PCSB ArtsWeb Database by December 18<sup>th</sup> (include heights and assigned Part for Chorus students!)**

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## Chorus (TEACHER INFO)

### Music Specialist Responsibilities:

- Attend all rehearsals with students.
- Be responsible for your students' behavior throughout all rehearsals.
- Make sure students know their parts prior to the first rehearsal.
- Communicate with parents regarding drop-off/pick-up for rehearsals and concert.
- Attend the preparation workshop on November 7<sup>th</sup> at Pinellas Central Elementary.

### Student Audition Criteria:

- Enjoy singing and have a team attitude.
- Be reliable and punctual.
- Sing with good tone.
- Demonstrate ability to maintain pitch.
- Demonstrate ability to sing echoes and rounds.
- Perform the following:

This is a suggested audition.

Students participating in the Elementary All County Honors Chorus should be able to meet the following criteria by singing each section with proper singing tone, correct pitch and correct phrasing.

### *ECHOES*

Play each melody on the piano. Have the students echo the melodic patterns on the syllable "loo."



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## ROUND

Sing “*Are You Sleeping?*” as an *acapella* round. The student should begin the song, and the teacher should enter on measure 3. Please give the student the starting pitch.

The student will sing “*America*” as an *acapella* solo. Please give the student the starting pitch.

The musical score consists of four staves of music. The first staff is in C major, 4/4 time, and contains the first four measures of "Are You Sleeping?". The second staff starts at measure 5 and contains the next four measures. The third staff changes to D minor, 3/4 time, and contains the first four measures of "America". The fourth staff continues "America" for the next four measures. Lyrics are printed below each staff.

Are you slee- ping? Are you slee- ping? Bro - ther John, Bro - ther John;

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Mor- ning bells are ring- ing, Mor- ning bells are ring- ing, Ding, ding, dong; Ding, ding, dong.

My coun- try 'tis of thee, Sweet land of li - ber- ty. Of thee I sing. Land where my

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fa- thers died; land of the Pil- grim's pride From ev - 'ry\_\_ moun- tain- side Let- free- dom ring.

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## World Drumming (TEACHER INFO)

### Music Specialist Responsibilities:

- Attend all rehearsals with students.
- Be responsible for your students' behavior throughout all rehearsals.
- Make sure students know their parts prior to the first rehearsal.
- Communicate with parents regarding drop-off/pick-up times for rehearsals and concert.
- Attend the preparation workshop on November 7<sup>th</sup> at Pinellas Central Elementary.

### Student Audition Criteria:

- Enjoy playing in ensemble and have a team attitude.
- Be reliable and punctual.
- Play accurately in 3/4 and 4/4 time.
- Play with varying dynamic levels and accents.
- Play accurate ritardando and a tempo.
- Perform ABA and AB forms.
- Perform the following:

This is a suggested audition piece.

Quarter note = 138

Percussion

The musical notation is as follows:

Staff 1: Percussion 4/4. The piece begins with a double bar line. It consists of four measures of music. Each measure contains two quarter notes, with an accent (>) above the first note. The notes are: quarter, quarter, quarter, quarter, quarter, quarter, quarter, quarter.

Staff 2: Percussion. This staff begins with a triplet '3' above the first note. It consists of four measures of music. Each measure contains two quarter notes, with an accent (>) above the first note. The notes are: quarter, quarter, quarter, quarter, quarter, quarter, quarter, quarter.

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## Orff Ensemble (TEACHER INFO)

### Music Specialist Responsibilities:

- Attend all rehearsals with students.
- Be responsible for your students' behavior throughout all rehearsals.
- Make sure students know their parts prior to the first rehearsal.
- Communicate with parents regarding drop-off/pick-up times for rehearsals and concert.
- Attend the preparation workshop on November 7<sup>th</sup>

### Student Audition Criteria:

- Enjoy playing in ensemble and have a team attitude.
- Be reliable and punctual.
- Play accurately in 3/4 and 4/4 time.
- play with varying dynamic levels and accents.
- Play accurate ritardando and a tempo.
- Perform ABA and AB forms.
- Perform the following:

This is a suggested audition piece.

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Soprano Xylophone **Tempo = 140**



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The next pages are  
ensemble-specific and  
should be sent home  
with your students.

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# 2025 Elementary All-County Honors Concert

## *Participant Selection Letter*



Dear Parent/Guardian of \_\_\_\_\_,

**Congratulations!** Your child has been selected by their music teacher to participate in the 2025 Elementary All-County Honors Concert! This event is taking place at Mahaffey Theater in St. Petersburg and is sponsored by Pinellas County Schools and Pinellas County Music Educators Association. Your student has demonstrated enthusiasm and musicianship, and we look forward to having them participate in this experience.

Attendance at rehearsals and the final performance is a requirement for every All-County Honors participant. Your child's music teacher may also have practices at their individual schools in addition to the sectionals and combined rehearsals to prepare the music for the concert.

Please refer to the succeeding pages for information regarding specific:

- Rehearsal times and locations
- Performance times and locations
- Commitment/behavior expectations
- Rehearsal and Concert Etiquette
- Proper concert attire for performance
- Participant Agreement form

The Participant Agreement form needs to be returned as soon as possible. If you feel you and/or your child cannot fulfill this commitment, please notify your child's music teacher. Timely notification will allow another child the opportunity to participate in this wonderful ensemble. We are looking forward to a very musical, exciting and educational experience for your child and we hope you choose to let them participate.

Sincerely,

All-County Coordinators (Kate, Tyler & Brian),  
Pinellas County Music Educators Association,  
and Pinellas County Performing Arts





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All-County Concerts are produced through a partnership between Pinellas County Schools and the Pinellas County Music Educators Association

## *Pinellas All-County Participant Agreement*

Participant's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

If chosen for an All-County Ensemble, I agree to the following:

- I will attend all required rehearsals and concert
- I understand if I'm excessively late or absent, I may be dismissed from the ensemble
- I will arrange transportation to all events
- I will practice my part before all the rehearsal so that they can be productive
- I will act appropriately, following all school rules, while participating

### ***Release for Media***

The signatures below grant permission to reproduce, print, or publish photographs and/or audio/video recordings of my minor student if selected to an All-County performing ensemble. This permission includes all rehearsals, activities, and performances connected with the All-County ensembles. I also acknowledge that my child's name will be published in the All-County Concert program and will appear in lists of All-County students on a website visible to PCMEA members.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Name (print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Phone #

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Email

\_\_\_\_\_  
Emergency Contact Name & Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Participant Sign

### ***Music Teacher Selection***

I am recommending that the participant mentioned above participate in an All-County Ensemble. I am confirming that the student is enrolled and participates regularly in the school-based ensemble. I will help the participant be well-prepared for rehearsals and the performance. I agree to attend all rehearsals for which the participant is in attendance. If I cannot attend, I will send a PCSB school employee as a representative. I understand that if I or my participant is not in attendance at required rehearsals, the participant may be dismissed from the ensemble and not allowed to participate in All-County.

Director's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

***This form must be turned in to your child's music teacher by the specified due date to participate***

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## *Chorus, Orff, and World Drumming Schedule*

\*Due to increased security measures, all sectionals and rehearsals are CLOSED to parents/guardians. Only PCSB employees are allowed to be on site\*

### *Sectionals*

**SOUTH COUNTY ONLY** Tuesday February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 6pm-8pm at Frontier Elementary  
**NORTH COUNTY ONLY** Thursday February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 6pm-8pm at Forrest Lakes Elementary

### *Combined Rehearsals*

Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2025 6pm-8pm at High Point Elementary  
Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025 6pm-8pm at High Point Elementary

### *Dress Rehearsal & Concert*

## **Mahaffey Theater**

400 First Street South  
St. Petersburg, FL 33701  
727-892-5767

### **Student Call Times: February 22, 2025**

- 8:15 AM Orff
- 8:30 AM Drums
- 9:00 AM Chorus

### **Performance: February 22, 2025 at 12:30 PM**

### *Proper Concert Attire*

- White dress shirt or blouse (no t-shirts)
- Black pants/skirts (no shorts)
- Dark sock/stockings and flat shoes (no open-toed shoes)

Students should wear comfortable clothing to all rehearsals. Concert attire is required only for the Dress Rehearsal and Final Performance, **Saturday, February 22, 2025**. Students will wear their concert attire to the theater as there will not be adequate time and facilities to change. It is suggested to wear a t-shirt over the white dress shirt or blouse during lunch after the dress rehearsal.

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## *Performer Etiquette*

For your child to have a truly meaningful musical experience with the **Elementary All County Honors Concert**, we remind you of the following:

- 1. Please attend all rehearsals and be on time.*
- 2. Performers should wear comfortable shoes since they will be standing for part of the rehearsal time.*
- 3. Food, drinks, candy and gum is NOT permitted at the rehearsals or concert. Water is permitted.*
- 4. Since rehearsal time is so valuable, please refrain from talking in the rehearsal/concert hall.*
- 5. Please silence all electronic devices before entering the rehearsal/concert hall.*

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## CHORUS ENSEMBLE

### *Student Information*

Congratulations! Your child has been selected for the All-County Honors Chorus.

Attendance for all rehearsals and the final performance is a requirement for every All-County participant. The Honors Chorus is an auditioned group and your child's music teacher will have rehearsals at their own school. All students will also have two combined rehearsals and a dress rehearsal as an ensemble. These are listed below. While at the rehearsals and performance, each member is expected to exhibit appropriate behavior.

This year's Chorus conductor is **Dr. James Guyer**, Music Director for Sarasota Young Voices Choir.

#### Chorus Rehearsal Dates and Times:

\*Due to increased security measures, all sectionals and rehearsals are CLOSED to parents/guardians. Only PCSB employees are allowed to be on site\*

**South County Sectional:** February 4<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 PM at Frontier Elementary

**North County Sectional:** February 6<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 PM at Forrest Lakes Elementary

**Combined Rehearsals:** February 19<sup>th</sup> and February 20<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 PM at Highpoint Elementary

**Dress Rehearsal:** Saturday, February 22, 2025 9:00 AM – Mahaffey Theater in St. Petersburg

\*Use appropriate drop off points upon entering off First Street between the Rowdies Stadium and Mahaffey Theater\*

#### **Final Performance:**

Saturday, February 22, 2025 at 12:30 PM (Mahaffey Theater in St. Petersburg)  
Doors open at 12:00 PM

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## **ORFF ENSEMBLE**

### *Student Information*

Congratulations! Your child has been selected for the All-County Honors Orff Ensemble.

Attendance for all rehearsals and the final performance is a requirement for every All-County participant. The Honors Orff Ensemble is an auditioned group and your child's music teacher will have rehearsals at their own school. All students will also have two combined rehearsals and a dress rehearsal as an ensemble. These are listed below. While at the rehearsals and performance, each member is expected to exhibit appropriate behavior.

This year's Orff conductor is **Mrs. Elizabeth Rook**, Music Specialist at Perkins Elementary in St. Petersburg.

#### Orff Rehearsal Dates and Times:

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**South County Sectional:** February 4<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 PM at Frontier Elementary

**North County Sectional:** February 6<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 PM at Forrest Lakes Elementary

**Combined Rehearsals:** February 19<sup>th</sup> and February 20<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 PM at Highpoint Elementary

**Dress Rehearsal:** Saturday, February 22, 2025 8:15AM – Mahaffey Theater in St. Petersburg

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#### **Final Performance:**

Saturday, February 22, 2025 at 12:30 PM (Mahaffey Theater in St. Petersburg)  
Doors open at 12:00 PM

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## WORLD DRUMMING ENSEMBLE

### *Student Information*

Congratulations! Your child has been selected for the All-County Honors World Drumming Ensemble.

Attendance for all rehearsals and the final performance is a requirement for every All-County participant. The Honors World Drumming Ensemble is an auditioned group and your child's music teacher will have rehearsals at their own school. All students will also have three rehearsals and a dress rehearsal as an ensemble. These are listed below. While at the rehearsals and performance, each member is expected to exhibit appropriate behavior.

This year's World Drumming Conductor is **Mr. Nate Strawbridge**, Music Specialist from Hillsborough County and Adjunct Professor at University of Tampa.

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#### World Drumming Rehearsal Dates and Times:

**South County Sectional:** February 4<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 PM at Frontier Elementary

**North County Sectional:** February 6<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 PM at Forrest Lakes Elementary

**Combined Rehearsals:** February 19<sup>th</sup> and February 20<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 PM at Highpoint Elementary

**Dress Rehearsal:** Saturday, February 22, 2025 8:30AM – Mahaffey Theater in St. Petersburg

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#### **Final Performance:**

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Doors open at 12:00 PM