2027 Elementary All-County Honors Concert

September 2026

Dear Elementary Music Colleagues,

The Pinellas County Music Educators Association (PCMEA) and Pinellas County Schools 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 January 10, 2026.*

Our guest clinicians will be:

- **Liana Salinas**, Artistic Director for the Miami Children's Chorus in Miami, FL will conduct the Chorus Ensemble,
- **Matthew Allen Trevino**, Elementary Music Specialist from San Antonio, TX, will conduct the Orff Ensemble, and
- **Eric Fountain**, Elementary Music Specialist at Our Savior Lutheran School in St. Petersburg, FL will conduct the World Drumming Ensemble.

Dates and Locations:

North County Schools rehearsal will be on **Wednesday, January 20th** from 6:00-8:00 PM at Leila Davis Elementary in Clearwater.

South County Schools Sectional will be on **Wednesday, January 27th** from 6:00-8:00 PM at New Heights Elementary in St. Petersburg.

Combined Rehearsals will be on **Wednesday, February 3rd & Thursday, February 4th** from 6:00 – 8:00 PM at High Point Elementary in Clearwater.

Concert will be performed **Saturday, February 6th, 2027,** at12:00 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,

Tyler Polston, Emma Ruffin, and Brian Scott
Elementary All-County Coordinators

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Music Specialist's Responsibilities

- Be a member of PCMEA
- 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 recordings and 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 the Teacher Read-Through on Wednesday, October 28th at Pinellas Park Elementary. Return all copies of music by the Dress Rehearsal on February 6th
- **Submit participant information to PCSB ArtsWeb Database by November 20th (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 teacher preparation workshop on October 28th at Pinellas Park ES

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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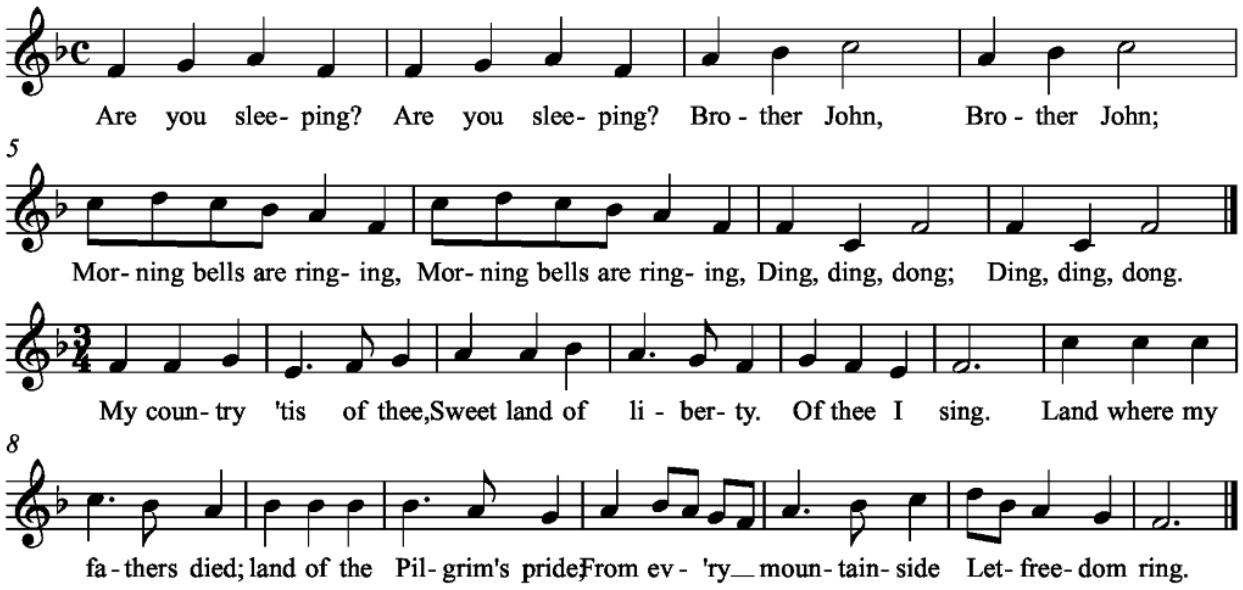
ROUND

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.



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World Drumming (TEACHER INFO)

Music Specialist Responsibilities:

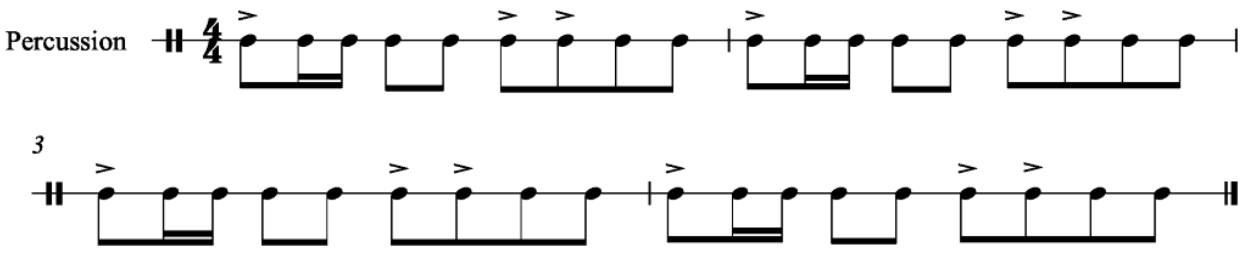
- Attend all rehearsals with students.
- Be responsible for your students' behavior throughout all rehearsals.
- Make sure students know their parts prior to the first rehearsal.
- Communicate with parents regarding drop-off/pick-up times for rehearsals and concert.
- Attend the preparation workshop on November 5th 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



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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 October 28th

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.

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

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Participant Selection Letter

Dear Parent/Guardian of _____,

Congratulations! Your child has been selected by their music teacher to participate in the 2027 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 (Tyler, Emma and Brian),
Pinellas County Music Educators Association,
and Pinellas County Performing Arts

PCMEA
PINELLAS COUNTY MUSIC EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION

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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

NORTH COUNTY ONLY Wednesday, January 20th, 2027, 6pm-8pm at Leila Davis ES
SOUTH COUNTY ONLY Wednesday, January 27th, 2027, 6pm-8pm at New Heights ES

Combined Rehearsals

Wednesday, February 3rd, 2027 from 6pm-8pm at High Point Elementary
Thursday, February 4th, 2027 from 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: <u>February 6th, 2027</u>

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

Performance: <u>February 6th, 2027 at 12:00pm</u>

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 6th, 2027.** 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 snack 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 **Liana Salinas**, Artistic Director for Miami Children's Chorus in Miami, FL

Chorus Rehearsal Dates and Times:

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North County Sectional: January 20th from 6-8 PM at Leila Davis Elementary in Clearwater

South County Sectional: January 27th from 6-8 PM at New Heights Elementary in St. Petersburg

Combined Rehearsals: February 3rd & February 4th from 6-8 PM at High Point Elementary in Clearwater

Dress Rehearsal: Saturday, February 6th at 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 6th at 12:00 PM (Mahaffey Theater in St. Petersburg)
Doors open at 11:30 AM

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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 **Matthew Allen Trevino**, Elementary Music Specialist from San Antonio, TX.

Orff 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

North County Sectional: January 20th from 6-8 PM at Leila Davis Elementary in Clearwater

South County Sectional: January 27th from 6-8 PM at New Heights Elementary in St. Petersburg

Combined Rehearsals: February 3rd & February 4th from 6-8 PM at High Point Elementary in Clearwater

Dress Rehearsal: Saturday, February 6th at 9:00 AM – Mahaffey Theater in St. Petersburg

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Final Performance:
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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 **Eric Fountain**, Elementary Music Specialist at Our Savior Lutheran School in St. Petersburg, FL.

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

World Drumming Rehearsal Dates and Times:

North County Sectional: January 20th from 6-8 PM at Leila Davis Elementary in Clearwater

South County Sectional: January 27th from 6-8 PM at New Heights Elementary in St. Petersburg

Combined Rehearsals: February 3rd & February 4th from 6-8 PM at High Point Elementary in Clearwater

Dress Rehearsal: Saturday, February 6th at 9:00 AM – Mahaffey Theater in St. Petersburg

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Final Performance:
Saturday, February 6th at 12:00 PM (Mahaffey Theater in St. Petersburg)
Doors open at 11:30 AM