



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**, Conductor for the Sarasota Young Voices will conduct the Honors Chorus.
- **Elizabeth Rook**, 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.
- **Clayton Deleu**, Orchestra Director at Sanderlin IB and Thurgood Marshall Fundamental Middle School and conducts for Sarasota Youth Orchestras.

Strings Dates and Locations:

All strings rehearsals will take place on the following Thursdays:

Thursday December 19th, 2024, 6pm-8pm at Safety Harbor Elementary

Thursday January 23rd, 2025, 6pm-8pm at Safety Harbor Elementary

Thursday February 6th, 2025, 6pm-8pm at Forrest Lakes Elementary

The Concert will be performed Saturday, **February 8, 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, exact time TBA; plan for 10:30AM.

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.
- 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.
- **Submit participant information to PCSB ArtsWeb Database by December 13th (for strings only)**

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The next pages 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 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

Emergency Contact Phone #

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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Strings Schedule

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

Rehearsals

Thursday December 19th, 2024, 6pm-8pm at Safety Harbor Elementary

Thursday January 23rd, 2025, 6pm-8pm at Safety Harbor Elementary

Thursday February 6th, 2025, 6pm-8pm at Forrest Lakes Elementary

Dress Rehearsal & Concert

Mahaffey Theater

400 First Street South

St. Petersburg, FL 33701

727-892-5767

Student Call Times: February 8, 2025

To Be Determined (likely in the 9:30AM-10:30 AM window)

Performance: February 8, 2025, 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 8, 2025**. Students will wear their concert attire to the theater as there will not be adequate time and facilities to change.

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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 during the rehearsals or concert. Water is permitted at rehearsals. Students may eat a snack during scheduled break time.*
- 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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ELEMENTARY STRINGS ENSEMBLE

Student Information

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

Attendance for all rehearsals and the final performance is a requirement for every All-County participant. The Honors Elementary Strings Ensemble is a teacher nominated group comprised of excelling 4th and 5th grade strings students. Your child's music teacher will have rehearsals at their own school in addition to the group rehearsals. 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 Strings Conductor is **Mr. Clayton Deleu**, Orchestra Teacher from Sanderlin IB School and Thurgood Marshall Fundamental Middle School. Mr. Deleu also is a conductor for the Sarasota Youth Orchestra.

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Rehearsal Dates: December 19th, 2024 – Safety Harbor Elementary, 6PM-8PM
January 23rd, 2025 at Safety Harbor Elementary, 6PM-8PM
February 6th, 2025 at Forrest Lakes Elementary, 6-8PM

Dress Rehearsal: Saturday, February 8, 2025 Tentatively 10:30AM – Mahaffey Theater in St. Petersburg - will update with an official time.

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

Final Performance:

Saturday, February 8, 2025 at 12:30 PM (Mahaffey Theater in St. Petersburg)
Doors open at 12:00 PM