



Wellesley Middle School Performing Arts

Dr. Sabrina Quintana,
K-12 Director of Performing Arts

Dance

Drama

Music

Performing Arts Programs





Dance: The Junior Moving Company

- Teacher: Kara Sullivan
- Meets after school Tuesdays & Thursdays, 2:30-3:25, starting mid-October.
- Students will work on choreography that explores different genres of dance. (hip hop, lyrical, modern and jazz).
- Ms. Sullivan will also utilize student choreographers in order to give students ownership over some of the work to be presented in April as a part of the Footnotes concert which combines several dance groups from surrounding areas and the High School.
- Students may continue their after-school dance studies through 12th Grade.

Drama

Teachers: Kara Sullivan and Leah Fine, Katharine Mayk (Ms. Fine's long term sub)

Students enroll in classes that meet during the school day and may continue studying Acting or Stage Craft Design in high school.

6 th Grade Drama	7 th Grade Drama	8 th Grade Drama
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- develop enthusiasm about Drama as an art form in general- basic theatre terminology and skills- group-based exercises; variety of games and warm-ups- goal: to feel comfortable acting in front of their peers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- how to approach Drama as an art form- explore how to approach a scene and monologue through basic improv skills and acting exercises- explore text through an introduction to methodology- students explore characterization, vocalization, staging and presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- explore the art of playmaking through a series of improvisational prompts- basic to intermediate acting skills- students collaborate ideas generated from prompts to create a class script which they then present on stage as a final presentation- explore the genres of theatre through several periods in history from past to present- encourage an overall general perspective of how Drama reflects society

WMS DRAMA PRESENTS:
AN EVENING OF SHAKESPEARE



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ABOUT NOTHING

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 17TH AT 4:30

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 18TH AT 7:00

WMS AUDITORIUM

TICKET PRICES:

\$10.00 GENERAL PUBLIC

\$5.00 FOR STUDENTS (K-12) & SENIORS

TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE AT:

IN THE SPIRIT OF THE HOLIDAY SEASON, PLEASE CONSIDER
BRINGING A NON-PERISHABLE DONATION FOR THOSE IN
NEED. FOOD AND HOUSEHOLD ITEMS WELCOME.

Lion King, Jr.

Auditions: February 6 & 7, 2017.

Call Backs: Feb 8th.

WMS DRAMA PRESENTS!



PERFORMANCES ARE:

MAY 11TH AT 4:30 MAY 12TH AT 7:00

MAY 13TH AT 2:00 & 7:00

TICKETS: \$14.00 GENERAL PUBLIC

\$8.00 STUDENTS AND SENIORS

General Music

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Music Programs



General Music

Teachers: Dave Adams, Lauren Conners, Sergey Khanukaev, Joanne Wheeler

Students enroll in classes that meet during the school day.

6th Gr. Gen Music

- Music literacy and beginning composition
- Great composers: Bach, Bernstein, Stravinsky, Tchaikovsky
- About Broadway; example-Oliver (Lionel Bart/Charles Dickens)
- About Ballet; example-Firebird Suite (Tchaikovsky)
- In class performances: original compositions, glockenspiel, piano, percussion ensembles

7th Gr. Gen Music

- Instruments Used: African Instruments, piano, Ukulele, Guitar
- Composition: use of Garage Band, other notation software
- Music Appreciation: American Music and its roots, History of Jazz
- In-Class Performance Projects: African instrument ensemble, World Music, Blues

8th Gr. Music Lab

Students will explore beginning music production with various applications on their iPads. They will conduct projects with sound editing, mixing, recording, voice-overs, composing, arranging, sampling, and looping. Students will be introduced to the beginning skills needed for music production in film, television, radio, and sound engineering.

Band

Teacher: Dave Adams

Students enroll in classes that meet during the school day.
Students may continue in band through 12th Grade

6 th Grade Band	7 th Grade Band	8 th Grade Band
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Introduction to playing in a large ensemble.- material taught in rehearsals includes technical studies, scale and rhythm studies, and sight reading- concert repertoire that is age & level appropriate and which introduces students to a variety of musical styles.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- The seventh grade band builds on the skills taught in grade 6.- more challenging repertoire, building on their advancing technical skills and- maturing understanding of musical performance in a large wind symphony- More emphasis is placed on building sight reading skills and advanced concepts of rhythm, articulation and musical interpretation.- Concert repertoire includes a wider variety of music including jazz and show tunes, plus traditional band repertoire.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- The grade 8 Band is the culmination of the middle school band curriculum.- Students perform more advanced music than grade 7 which presents greater challenges in terms of rhythm, stylistic nuance and maturity.- A good deal of time is spent learning to play in tune throughout the full range of one's instrument.- Percussionists learn to play all of the instruments in the percussion section.



Band Performances

- **All Bands perform two evening concerts per year**
- **6th Grade Band performs occasionally in school performances for assemblies for Memorial Day.**
- **7th and 8th Graders may audition for Junior District Festival. Those with successful auditions join with other talented musicians in the region at the Festival for rehearsals and a feature performance.**
- **The Seventh grade band performs at least once in an in-school concert.**
- **The Eighth Grade Band performs at the State House in Boston once each year.**

Jazz Band

Teacher: Dave Adams

Tuesday Jazz Band

- **The Tuesday Jazz Band is an after school club that meets on Tuesdays.**
- **It is open to all instrumentalists**
- **This Jazz Band is structured as a combo Jazz performance styles and improvisation are taught in the after school jam sessions.**
- **The band performs at least once a year in an evening concert.**

Monday Jazz Band

- **The Monday Jazz band is an auditioned Big Band Jazz ensemble.**
- **Meets before school on Mon, Wed, and Fri each week.**
- **It is a graded course in the program of studies.**
- **Students are introduced to a wide range of styles, including swing, latin, bebop and jazz/rock.**
- **Improvisation is introduced and class time is allotted to teaching the basics of jazz improvisation and chord theory.**
- **The Monday Jazz band performs regularly in school and in the community, including performances at Quincy Market and for community organizations including the Wellesley Kiwanis Club and the opening of Town Meeting.**

Choir

Teacher: Lauren Connors

Accompanist: Valerie Stark

Students enroll in classes that meet during the school day. They are encouraged to continue in Choir through 12th Grade.

- **Students in 6th, 7th and 8th Grades may enroll in choir.**
- **Students start taking choir in 5th grade and are encouraged to continue through high school.**
- **8th Grade Choir Students enroll in either Brooks Brothers or Song Sisters.**
- **The WMS choirs perform 2- to 3-part choral repertoire from a variety of genres and time periods.**
- **Students learn and practice good vocal technique and continue to improve their understanding of music theory through sequential ear training and sight reading activities in class.**
- **Students are actively engaged in the creative process as they work together to arrange choral music. Singers learn both audience and performance etiquette and the music vocabulary used to evaluate a performing ensemble.**



Choir Performances

- **Each chorus has a winter and spring concert, as well as one trip.**
- **This year, the 6th grade chorus will sing with the Wellesley Symphony Orchestra in March during their Family Concert.**
- **The 7th grade chorus will participate in a music festival and evaluation in East Long Meadow.**
- **The 8th grades choirs will perform "God Bless America" on the ice at a Providence Bruins game in December.**
- **8th Graders will also perform an overview of their Spring Concert at the State House in May.**



After School Singing Opportunities

- The WMS Community chorus is preparing holiday music for performances around the Wellesley community in December.
- The ChorusLab will start in March, where singers and instrumentalists to extend their understanding of arranging music for a specific ensemble. Members are encouraged to bring their own compositions to the group as well.
- Junior District auditions are in late January this year. The Junior District Festival is a rich ensemble music experience open to 7-9th graders in this region of Massachusetts.



Orchestra

Teacher: Dr. Sergey Khanukaev

Students enroll in classes that meet during the school day.

WMS offers grade-specific orchestras for violin, viola, cello, bass in grades 6, 7, and 8. Students may begin studying orchestra in Elementary and may continue through High School.

Each group rehearses and performs its own literature. When possible, ensembles combine for larger works and grand-finale-type works. Literature studied is mainly art music from the greatest works written or arranged for youth string orchestra but also includes occasional folk, pop, and movie music.

Specific skills for orchestral playing generally, orchestras are sequentially taught skills in areas such as tone, rhythm, pitch, expression, style, ensemble awareness and rehearsal etiquette. Each ensemble progresses at its own rate, encountering new challenges in the repertoire picked specifically for them for each concert.



Orchestra Performances

All 3 orchestras participate in a winter and spring concerts each year.

6th Grade Orchestra performs **with All-Town Orchestra** in a concert in the Spring.

8th Grade Orchestra performs **with the WHS Orchestras** in a “Step Up Concert” in January.

8th Grade Orchestra performs at the State House in December and is treated to a tour of the chambers, learning about state government.

7th and 8th grade string players are also eligible to audition for and participate in the Junior District Concert Festival. Special “mock audition” sessions are offered to students after school to help them prepare.

All orchestras also perform at in-school concert assemblies for their peers at least once each year.

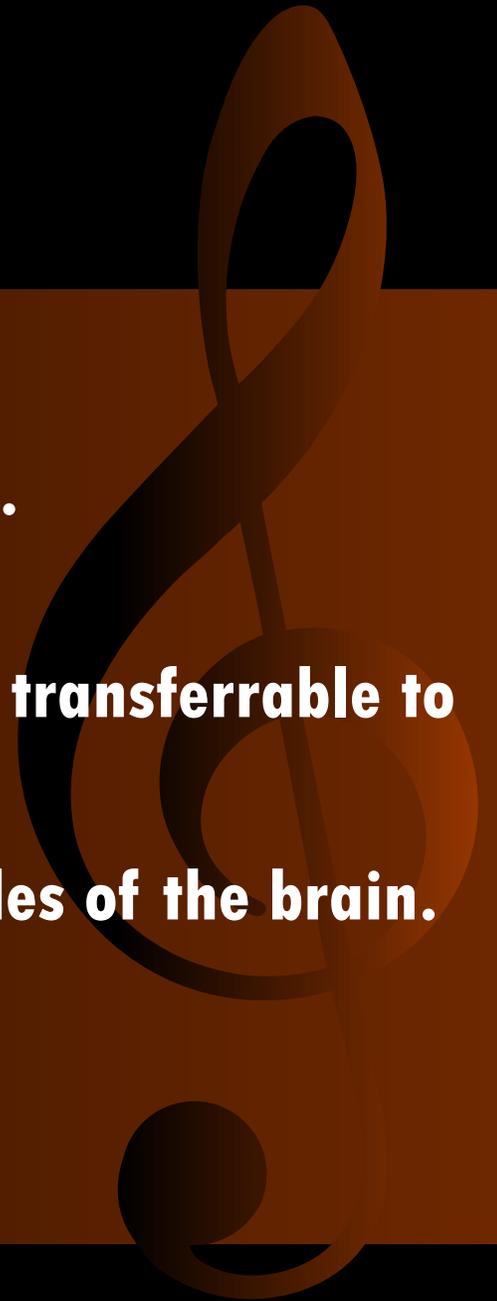


Instrumental and Vocal Extension Program (IVEP)

- Students in our music ensembles may elect to take private lessons (voice or instruments) after school.
- Lessons are tuition/fee based.
- Private lesson teachers are professional musicians with performance degrees on their instrument.
- Private Lessons are very beneficial to students in developing their technical and musicianship skills needed for performing.
- Band, Choir, and Orchestra students are encouraged to also take private lessons.

- **The Arts provide a unique outlet for creative expression.**
 - **Students collaborate with other students that have like interests.**
 - **Increases feelings of self-worth.**
 - **The Arts are a Core Academic Subject, where student learning is transferrable to other areas of academic studies.**
 - **The arts develop BOTH the affective (creativity) and cognitive sides of the brain.**
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Value of Arts Education





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