

## MUSIC

**Purpose:** The purpose of the music program is to foster a cognitive appreciation and joy of music into the lives of the students. Vocal production is a concentration and children vocalize in every class. Sheet music is used with older classes.

**Overview:** across the grades levels, introduces, refines, and masters the following:

- Pitch recognition
- Memorization of melody and lyrics
- Performance in concerts throughout the year.
- Vocalization in every class
- Instrument applications

### **Sampling of topics covered:**

- Strong and confident singing
- Vocal awareness
- Instrument identification
- Basic rhythm reading, writing, performance and composition
- Treble clef reading on instrument: recorders and bell plates
- Song lyric analysis and writing skills
- American folk songs; Disney repertoire; rounds; Black American music forms
- Awareness of composers
- Cognitive understanding and physical ability to recognize and perform period dancing ie. Swing dancing and break dancing

### **For all students:**

- Band
- Chorus
- Dance
- Recorder
- Private music lessons available
- Grades 4-6 Urban Voices partnership with the Metropolitan Opera Company