



Performing Arts Department

December Update

District Mission

The Des Moines Public Schools exist so that the students graduate with knowledge, skills, and abilities to be successful at the next stage of their lives.

District Vision

Becoming the **model** for urban education in the United States.

Upcoming Dates - PD Dates

Date	PD Event	Time/Location
Jan 24	Secondary District PLC	1:45-3:15 / Roosevelt HS
Jan 31	Elementary District PLC	2:25-3:45 / TBA

Upcoming Dates - District Events

Date	Event	Time/Location
February 10	Piano Festival	8:00-2:00 / Hoover High School
March 22	Middle School All-City Festival & Concert	7:00 PM Concert / Iowa Fairgrounds
April 19	Orchestra Festival	TBA / TBA
April 23	Opera Iowa - Elementary	10 & 2 / Central Campus Auditorium
April 24	Concert Band Festival	8:00-3:00 / Roosevelt HS
May 5	Elementary Honor Choir	8:00-3:00 / Central Campus

Business Items and Announcements for ALL

- Concert Dates and Times** - If you have not sent Kelly the dates of all performances for the remainder of the year, please send ASAP.
- Know a great substitute?** - Please complete the form site [Here](#) to add their information to our list.
- Website Updates** Check out the performingarts.dmschools.org website for additional news and updates.

BUSINESS ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR ELEMENTARY



All 5th graders will be attending the **2018 Youth Concert featuring the Des Moines Symphony** on Tuesday, March 20th. All logistics and cost will be covered. Your students will attend either the 10 or 11:30 performance. This will be pushed out to Principals on Monday, November 6th.



Opera Iowa will return for two performances on Monday, April 23rd at 10 and 2. This is an optional event and you may bring any/all grade levels possible. They are presenting 'Jack and the Beanstalk' (same as last year, consider your audience!). The shows will take place at Central Campus. I would love to see as many 3rd graders attending this performance as possible. The performance is **FREE** for your building, regardless of how many students you bring. You will need to coordinate and pay for transportation. Please sign up [HERE](#). **Keep in mind transportation can be paid for by CKC funding.

BUSINESS ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SECONDARY



DMPA presents their 'Live at the Temple' Concert Series and has offered us the opportunity to bring in their guests to do workshops with our students. Please see the list below and contact Kelly ASAP to secure time with these artists.

[Gina Chavez](#) – Tuesday, January 16 from 1:30 – 3 PM (Bilingual Latin-folk singer/songwriter)

[Danika Portz](#) – Thursday, March 8 from 1:30 – 3 PM (Country music singer/songwriter – from Remsen, IA)

[Ranky Tanky](#) – Thursday, May 17 from 1:30 – 3 PM (South Carolina-based quintet that performs music of Gullah culture; also have jazz influences)

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A NEW TRADITION! IF YOU SEE OR HEAR SOMETHING AMAZING IN YOUR CLASSROOM OR FROM SOMEONE ELSE - LET KELLY KNOW!

Gloria Steger, Vanessa Brady, Christian White, and Courtney Copic for sharing information about vocal technique at our last PLC. Great job!!! – Becky Langholz

Jennifer Luft has been amazing in helping me transition to teaching Music Theory, and I am grateful for her assistance and encouragement as I teach a new course. – Rose Dino

Becky Langholz for always keeping our PLC meetings positive! – Courtney Copic

Christian White is amazing, and I consistently see him going above and beyond to not only develop great programs for this district and his school, but he is also willing to help out his colleagues. – Rose Dino

Kevin Stegemann for hosting another great All-City Jazz Festival! We really appreciate the work and the event as a whole! – Ryan Rowley

Treg Marcellus and Scott Davis for making the CKC Jazz Festival memorable once again. Thank you for all your hard work. – Ryan Rowley