



Performing Arts Department

November 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.

New Format for Department Updates

The new format below includes PD Dates, District Wide Events, and Announcements and Updates. It will also include a new section for shout-outs for you and your colleagues

Upcoming Dates - PD Dates

Date	PD Event	Time/Location
Nov 8	Elementary District PLC	2:25-3:45 / TBA
Nov 15	Secondary District PLC	1:45-3:15 / Roosevelt HS
Nov. 21	OPTIONAL: SOCIAL	3:15-?? / Ingersol Tap

Upcoming Dates - District Events

Date	PD Event	Time/Location
Nov 16	OPUS Concert	4:00 PM / Ames, IA
Nov 18	All State Concert	7:00 PM / Ames, IA
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

See our students in action! Upcoming Productions:

Lincoln HS Presents | **LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS**
November 2, 3, & 4 | 7 PM

East HS Presents | **BRING IT ON: THE MUSICAL**
November 9, 10, & 11 | 7 PM
November 11 | 2:30 PM

North HS Presents | **ALL I REALLY NEED TO KNOW
I LEARNED IN KINDERGARTEN**
November 3 & 4 | 7 PM
November 4 | 2 PM

Hoover HS Presents | **Rodgers and Hammerstein's
CINDERELLA**
November 9, 10, & 11 | 7 PM

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 ANNOUCEMENTS 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. It will cost \$50/school (let me know if you have any trouble with the monetary component). Please sign up [HERE](#)

**Keep in mind this can be paid for by CKC funding.

Textbook Adoption: We will begin looking at new materials to adopt for our K-5 Curriculum. Please be on the lookout for unique programs/opportunities to adopt. If you're interested in helping pilot/test these materials, please sign up [HERE](#)

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)

SHOUT OUT

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

High school vocal teachers – congrats on the new tradition of the All-State Festival Concert!

Schools for Rigor PLCs – thanks for all of your hard work and willingness to try new things!

Jessica Dietz - your Perkins singers were amazing at the Leadership PLC

HS Marching Band Contest – an awesome experience for all students to support each other and have their show critiqued by professionals

Orchestra and Band teachers – continuing to make Destiny accurate and work for us and our students

Elementary band and orchestra travel teachers – utilizing your PLC time together effectively to create a comprehensive program for students and brainstorm through barriers for kids

Christian White – getting G/T off the ground for identification of students in the performing arts

Elementary vocal teachers – thank you for digging in to create new norms at our last District PLC

Art Hill – championing PLCs for elementary music education

Micheal Davenport – thank you for your enthusiasm and jumping in to theater curriculum

Treg Marcellus – thank you for organizing the written materials for the Florida 2019 trip

All-State teachers and student participants - Congratulations on all of your hard work!