



Performing Arts Department

September 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 |
|----------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Sept. 19 | Secondary District PLC | 2:45-3:45 / Roosevelt HS |
| Sept. 26 | Elementary District PLC | 1:45-3:00 / Roosevelt HS |
| Oct. 3 | Teacher PLC | TBD |

Upcoming Dates - District Events

| Date | PD Event | Time/Location |
|-------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Oct 4 | All State Vocal Concert | 7:00 PM / Lincoln HS |

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.
- ❑ **Website Updates** Check out the performingarts.dmschools.org website for additional news and updates.

BUSINESS ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR ELEMENTARY



Connecting Kids and Culture – This grant, funded from Bravo Greater Des Moines, allocates a per pupil amount of dollars that can be spent on specific arts experiences in the greater metro area (students 1-5th grade ONLY). The dollars are allocated to your building and can be utilized by any teacher. If there is an arts experience you want to take students to (Civic Center for example) you can ask your Principal for these dollars.

We will bring in Opera Iowa in the Spring (free to you), but you must secure transportation – this is another place you could utilize the dollars. Let me know what questions you have. More info can be found here: <http://bravogreaterdesmoines.org/connecting-kids-and-culture/>



Rhythm Task Force – Thank you for your feedback. Kelly Janson (Hillis), Howard Dustin Harmsen (Windsor), and Anne Peterson (South Union) will be your representatives.

BUSINESS ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SECONDARY



Registering for PLCs - you need to register for our DISTRICT PLC. Please search for the email titled: *2018-2019 PLC Offerings & Instructions -- A Message From: Des Moines Public Schools.*

Sfr – You'll also need to register for your small group PLC. See the same email listed above for instructions.

Instrumental Staff:

Follett Destiny®

Inventory Check – Out - Please have all resources checked out to students by end-of-day Wednesday, September 26th.



Formsite for Requesting Additional Resources - If you need additional inventory items for students, please complete the form site found here: <https://fs8.formsite.com/DMPSchools/InstrumentInventory/index.html>

Formsite for Repairs - If you have a repair over \$100, please utilize the form site listed here to request approval: <https://fs8.formsite.com/DMPSchools/InstrumentRepairRequest/index.html>

A graphic with the words "SHOUT OUT" in a bold, black, sans-serif font. The text is centered within a large, irregular splash of red paint that has splattered across a white background.

SHOUT OUT

Shout out to our 9 new-to-DMPS teachers! Kate, Abby, Allie, Tyler, Jenny, Melissa, Sami, Andra, David - you're all rocking it!

Shout out to our DMPS folks who are new in roles! Alex, Eric, Howard, Suzi - so glad you're taking on new challenges in new buildings.

DMPS Team - thank you for meeting for a full-group meeting August 22nd. Great conversations were had and I appreciate your attention to details.

Christian White - thank you for giving us an overview of the SRG changes at the August meeting.

5th Grade Band and Orchestra Teachers - thank you for a productive PLC. I appreciate your thoughts and conversations about the District WIG.

HS Band Directors - congratulations on another successful District Marching Festival! It was great to see your students on the field.