

# ADAMS ELEMENTARY MUSIC NEWS

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## VISIT THE MUSIC WEBSITE

At the end of each month I post highlights of what we've been doing in class. Event information, curriculum, and student resources are also on this page.  
- [www.zpsmakesmusic.weebly.com](http://www.zpsmakesmusic.weebly.com) -

## FIRST GRADE MUSIC

First graders are currently learning about instruments of the orchestra as they listen to *Carnival of the Animals* by French composer, Camille Saint-Saens. We continue to work on steady beat, reading basic rhythms and singing sol, la and mi on the musical staff.



## SECOND GRADE MUSIC

Second graders are learning *Do Re Mi* from *The Sound of Music*, along with *Whacky Do Re Mi!* We are starting a unit on *Peter and the Wolf*, composed by Sergei Prokofiev. We'll be talking about the expressive elements of music and instruments. The Holland Symphony, along with Zeeland Recreation Dancers will be performing *Peter and the Wolf* at their family concert in Zeeland on Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>.  
Visit [hollandsymphony.org](http://hollandsymphony.org) for ticket information!



## THIRD GRADE MUSIC

It's almost here! We are hosting our folk dance event on **Tuesday, February 27!** Please arrive at school at 6:20pm. Hang your coats in your student's locker, make a name tag in the rotunda and then head to the gym for some fabulous fun! Please bring dry, comfortable shoes! We'll conclude at 7:30pm. Students have had fun preparing for this special evening and they can't wait to share with you! Students are inviting one special guest to be their dance partner. If both parents choose to attend, we will have a small section of bleachers open for spectators. No siblings, please.

## FOURTH GRADE MUSIC

We recently had fun learning a stone passing game from Ghana. Students enjoyed the challenge and collaborative elements of this singing game. Students can visit the music website for recorder info, as well as this site: [musicploysonline.com](http://musicploysonline.com) Username: student Password: 2345  
They can also find accompaniment for some songs we've learned in class at [www.Musick8.com](http://www.Musick8.com)  
Username: karate Password: rubric

## FIFTH GRADE MUSIC

It's almost time for our trip to the Grand Rapids Symphony performance! We've listened to and discussed music by John Williams, Bach, Beethoven, and Sousa. We've also listened to Rimsky-Korsakov's *Scheherazade Suite*. Students made beautiful art pieces to depict the stories. Thank you to Michigan Youth Arts for providing grant money for our transportation on February 21.

Sincerely,  
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