

## Music Notes

Highland View Eagles have been soaring to new heights with their musical knowledge this past month.

- Kindergarten students are performing songs with **long and short sounds**. The students are also experimenting with a variety of classroom instruments and observing the sound qualities of specific families.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Grade students are reading and performing simple **melodies (using sol and mi)** and **rhythms (using quarter and eighth notes)**.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade students are using rhythm instruments and barred instruments to perform simple **accompaniments** for class songs.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade students are discussing and demonstrating new vocabulary words for the ***expressive elements*** ... **dynamics, tempo** and **articulation**.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade students are discussing the elements of music specifically the element of **style**. The students are performing **spirituals**, and examining their use and meaning in history.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade students are listening for **major and minor tonalities** in musical selections and discussing how composers make choices in order to convey meaning and mood.

Spring chorus has gotten off to a wonderful start. We are all enjoying our new music and look forward to sharing it with you at our concert on Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>.

*-Mrs. Pfaff*