

Mr. Snyder's *Opus*

Opus 3, No.1
Fall 2009

{Latin word for *work*.
In music, pieces of music by composers are given opus numbers, which generally run in order of publication.}

*Check
out these
cool web-*

The Symphony—An Interactive Guide: <http://library.thinkquest.org/22673/>
This site features information about composers, countries, instruments of the orchestra, timelines, and links to other great sites.

Web metronome: <http://webmetronome.com/>
This site provides an interactive metronome, tuned piano, stopwatch, & timer for practicing at home.

New York Philharmonic Kidzone:
<http://www.nyphilkids.org> This site is great for children and contains information about instruments, musicians, and composers.

BSO Kids: <http://www.bsokids.com/> This is a fun and educational children's site from the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra.

Washington Performing Arts Society: <http://www.wpas.org>
This site has information about performances in the area.

Morton Subotnick's Creating Music: <http://www.creatingmusic.com/>
This site is a children's online creative music environment for children of all ages. It's a place for kids to compose music, play with musical performance, music games and music puzzles. Go there to discover fun and easy ways to make music!



Upcoming Events



DATE	TIME	EVENT
Wednesday, November 11, 2009	10:00 a.m.	Veteran's Day Program
Wednesday, December 23, 2009	2:30 p.m.	Winter Sing-a-long
Monday, February 8, 2010	7:00 p.m.	Winter Concert
Wednesday, May 12, 2010	8:15 p.m.	Honors Chorus Concert
Friday, May 28, 2010	2:30 p.m.	Patriotic Sing-a-long
Monday, June 7, 2010	7:00 p.m.	Spring Concert



MS. LOVE'S 4TH GRADE CLASS PLAYING THE RECORDERS

FEATURED INSTRUMENT: RECORDER

THE RECORDER IS A WOODWIND MUSICAL INSTRUMENT. IT WAS POPULAR IN MEDIEVAL AND RENAISSANCE TIMES. TODAY, IT IS OFTEN RECOGNIZED AS A CHILD'S INSTRUMENT, BUT THERE ARE MANY PROFESSIONAL PLAYERS WHO DEMONSTRATE THE INSTRUMENT'S FULL CAPABILITIES. THERE ARE MANY TYPES OF RECORDERS: GARKLEIN, SOPRANINO, SOPRANO, ALTO, TENOR, BASS, AND CONTRA BASS. (PICTURED HERE IS A SOPRANO RECORDER.)



- Mr. Snyder will be holding auditions for the MCPS Elementary Honors Chorus in October. All 5th grade students are eligible to audition. The purpose of the chorus is to bring talented children of various backgrounds together to study and perform choral music representing a wide variety of historical eras and cultures. Be on the lookout for more information about the honors chorus.
- For more information about private music lessons and music classes, please contact Mr. Snyder.

The first marking period is well under way and students have been working hard on mastering many curricular indicators. Kindergartners are learning how to use their singing voices correctly and match pitch. They are learning to identify whether the music moves up or down. Kindergartners are also learning to keep the steady beat through movement and playing instruments. The first grade is working on performing singing games with musical cues and identifying the same and different sections heard in music. Second graders are learning about the instruments in the orchestra and singing in tune with appropriate vocal technique. The third grade is beginning to sing in harmony using partner songs and rounds. Partner songs are two or more songs that can be sung at the same time. Third graders are also working on identifying musical forms containing contrast and repetition. The form has to do with how the sections of a piece are organized. Additionally, they are beginning to learn how to play the recorder. The fourth grade is practicing their recorder skills by reviewing the notes B & A. They are continuing to learn how to sight-read rhythms and melodies using quarter notes, quarter rests, eighth notes, half notes, half rests, whole notes, and whole rests. Fourth graders have started notating or writing rhythms too. The fifth grade is learning about music from other countries. Students sang a song from Jamaica and listened to music from Ireland. They also learned about tempo. Tempo is the speed of the beat. The fourth and fifth grade chorus is busy preparing for the Winter Concert. They are working on proper singing technique, rhythmic and melodic sight-reading, learning their parts, and singing in harmony.