



Shubenacadie District Elementary School

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Elementary Music P-5 Teacher Communication Plan Mrs. Heather McCracken

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I am very pleased to have the responsibility of teaching Grades Pr-5 Music at Shubenacadie District School for the 2020-2021 school year. Students will work toward achieving specific outcomes as detailed in the curriculum guides for Nova Scotia schools. For more information on these outcomes you can check the department web page at <https://www.ednet.ns.ca/families.shtml> which is designed specifically for families of children enrolled in the public school system.

In music class, we:

- Chant songs (singing is not permitted until further notice, due to Covid-19 restrictions)
- Play games
- Dance and move to music
- Interpret music
- Dramatize music
- Speak chorally
- Read music
- Write music
- Listen to music
- Compose music
- Learn about composers, musicians and music history
- Learn about musical instruments
- Learn about how music relates to our community and our culture
- Use technology such as computer programs, ipods, and other listening devices and instruments

Assessment and Evaluation

Students will be evaluated regularly based on their progress with specific outcomes that are taught in class.

Elementary Music Outcomes:

- **Outcome 1:** Students will perform, listen to, create, and reflect on rhythm, meter, and tempo using voice, movement, and instruments to express feelings, ideas, and understandings.
- **Outcome 2:** Students will perform, listen to, create, and reflect on melody and pitch using voice, movement, and instruments to express feelings, ideas, and understandings.
- **Outcome 3:** Students will perform, listen to, create, and reflect on texture and harmony using voice, movement, and instruments to express feelings, ideas, and understandings.
- **Outcome 4:** Students will perform, listen to, create, and reflect on form using voice, movement, and instruments to express feelings, ideas, and understandings.
- **Outcome 5:** Students will perform, listen to, create, and reflect on the elements of musical expression using voice, movement, and instruments to convey feelings, ideas, and understandings.
- **Outcome 6:** Students will explore and reflect on a range of music from diverse cultures and communities, including Acadians, African Nova Scotians, Gaels, and Mi'kmaq, with respect and sensitivity

Expectations for Success

Students must:

- Have a respectful attitude towards Self, Others, Learning and the Environment
- Take pride in the classroom work and always try their best
- Be responsible for themselves and their learning
- Be an attentive listener and actively participate

Communication

Communication between home and school can have a significant influence on your child's progress. We encourage you to contact us by email, phone, and notes or in person to discuss any issues relating to your child's school experience. Regular communication methods will include: communication binder, calendars, class and school notices, positive notes/behavior notes, parent-teacher meetings, emails, and phone calls. I will respond to your questions and comments as soon as possible.

I always welcome suggestions and comments. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you for your support,

Heather McCracken
Music Teacher