

Dear Parents and Guardians,

January 2024

Thank you for all that have participated in the first ever parent Jam Session. We sounded so good and coincidentally our school was asked to perform at the visit from our school Chancellor at M.S. 74. We are taking our parent/student band on the road. We will be performing January 8th for Chancellor Banks. You can join the event via zoom (see Ms. Lamont and Mr. Paolano's email about it).

3rd graders have received their recorders. Thank you for all that submitted \$7. These instruments will stay in school and they will not be shared. For your sanity, if your child has a recorder at home and they are blowing it as loud as they can, remind them that Mr. Ramsingh says, "don't blow out the candle."

4th graders will be learning ukuleles in class. They will have a partner and share 1 ukulele. This instrument has nylon strings and pushing their fingers on it may hurt a bit. This is normal and the more they play they will develop a thicker skin, literally.

5th grade band is sounding amazing! You were sent a permission slip that needs to be signed and returned before they can take an instrument home. Thank you for your patience and allowing them to practice a few minutes a day.

Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade continue to have meaningful conversations, listen to music, move to music, respond to music, play music and learn how to read music. Our Music and the Brain curriculum allows us to sing songs in different languages and travel the world to learn about other countries and cultures. If your child has a keyboard at home, remind them to always use their "spider fingers" and they should not be using ONLY one finger to play.

We continue our school year with a song of the day at the beginning of every class. You can find these on my Google Classroom. If you have not joined my class please email me to get you into the class. ARamsingh@schools.nyc.gov

As always thank you for all your support.

Sincerely,



Andrew Ramsingh