Everyone is a Musician

Monthly Newsletter

4th Grade | April & May

Quote of the month: *"Music is well suited to learning the essential human capabilities of creativity, empathy, collaborative skills, and communication. And in an era in which employment is being devoured by artificial intelligence, the ability to find work that emphasizes these human traits depends on such cultivation."* **- John Kao**

Parent / Guardian Ask: We're excited to celebrate the stories and wisdom of community Elders at our **Elder's Wisdom, Children's Song** event, featuring original songs created by students. Please join us in honoring these remarkable individuals by bringing your child to **SLP Middle School on Monday, April 28th at 6:00 p.m.** It's a powerful and meaningful evening you won't want to miss!

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What are students working on in **April & May**?

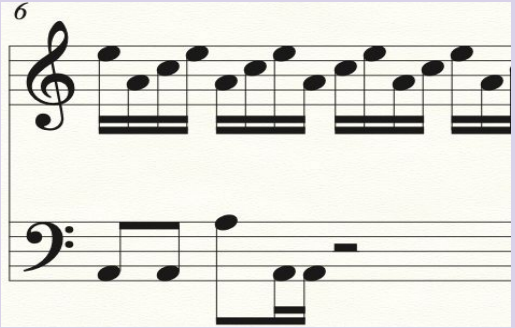
MN Arts Standards

Elder's Wisdom, Children's Song

We're thrilled to share that our three original songs are now complete! With genres spanning **1970s rock**, **blues rock**, and **old-style country**, these student-created songs bring the stories of honored Elders to life through music.

This project is a beautiful example of the unique intersection found in music: **collaboration, culture, craft, creativity, and community**.

We can't wait to celebrate and perform these creations with you on **Monday, April 28th**—doors open at **5:45pm** at the **SLP Middle School**.



Creativity with Standard Notation

In this unit, 4th graders are composing their own music using **standard music notation**. Building on last year's simplified notation, students now use the five-line staff, clefs, and note heads to write melodies.

Just like learning to read and write in a spoken language, music literacy involves both understanding and creating. Through this project, students grow in their ability to "spell" musical ideas and express themselves in the creative language of music!