

Students and Families,

Thank you for taking steps with our community to ensure health and progress in these confusing days. I am writing with a list of suggested activities to keep your students Music learning an active part of their growth. Access to instruments may be difficult, or perhaps the instruments at home could use a little tuning up. Feel free to ask for what you might want, and I will try to help however I can. We have a small reserve of freshly sanitized Ukulele's and Recorders that could be checked out with the permission of the school district. Currently, I can plan to meet at the school between 11am-1pm Tuesday-Thursday. As well, there are many online resources to engage Musicians of all ages, interests, and levels of experience.

Some suggested activities to enrich Music studies at home...

- ~Share your favorite concert video with your student.
- ~Ask them to teach you something that they like to sing/play.
- ~Research Musicians in your family history.
- ~Discuss the instruments that can be heard in the music that is listened to at home, or in the car, or in the various media that you share.
- ~Create a daily Music journal, where they document at least 3 Musical things that they experienced. Either from some media they had enjoyed, or the sounds of Nature, or practicing an instrument, Music is all around us when we learn to look for it!

Band Experiment

Let's see if we can record the progress we made on these two tunes:
Funky James and I Got Rhythm.

I propose that if you can, find a way to make a recording of yourself playing through the songs at 2 different tempos, 120bpm and 150bpm (beats per minute). This can be accomplished by listening to a metronome or a repeated drum loop at these two tempos while playing along with the chart. Once everyone sends me their voice memo or audio recording, I will mix them together and see if we have something that sounds good.

If you need to pick up your instrument from the classroom, please set up a time with me to meet. Campus is closed, so I would be willing to meet at a designated time for the pick up. I've only tried this with experienced Musicians, so here's our chance to get this kind of experience!

Instrument Lessons:

I am available to meet through streaming video for half hour lessons, either as a group or individually. My phone number is 707.498.7795, and my preferred email is humdrumcamp@gmail.com. I'd request 24 hours notice at least for lesson confirmation. I'm available to video chat through either Zoom, FaceTime, Google Hangout, or What'sApp. In the current state of things, different chat meetings are being set randomly, and I need to remain available for these meetings as well.

With respect to copyright laws, I'm sending a list of resources that are all free to use, and look forward to hearing questions about these different platforms as we learn how to use them together!

Until we meet again,
JesseJ

Websites for Music composition/exposition/education

SmartMusic.com
Noteflight.com
Schoolbeats.com
Tonara.com
Subtonic.io
Folkcloud.com
Drumeo.com
Drummerworld.com

Free Music Production Apps -

GarageBand
Moog Model D
Kassoliator
DJAY, CrossDj

Recommended Youtube Links - (some parent observation may be needed)

Bryan Osper (Ukulele)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6RwuSdXaZ3c>

Neal Peart (Drums)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h78GTjofhbs>

Joe Satriani (Rock Guitar)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BsJisD7n8_Q

George Winston (Solo Piano)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1wAGacczNho>

Stefan Grapelli (Violinist)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P_lrTmLknNA

Charlie Parker and Dizzy Gillespie (Jazz Quartet)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tJYO6_t4d08

Eric Whitacre (Choir)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D7o7BrlbaDs>

Bluegrass

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tQ29PPC059c>

West African Drumming

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lvPLIuBy9CY>

Brazilian Samba Drumming

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h_W6ho5RW-g

Trombone Shorty (Jazz Trombone)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k9YUi3UhEPQ>

Most things with Muppets are Musical.

Nearly anything on NPR's Tiny Desk Concert (some parent observation may be needed)

Danish String Quartet

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cfuEIHEZobc>

Feel free to send me some links that you find!