

# Dancing Drum assemblies held at District 4

Steve Campbell of Dancing Drum provided interactive drumming assemblies at all of Addison School District 4's elementary buildings last week.

With the theme of world music, Campbell played songs and taught different rhythm patterns from countries in Africa, the Caribbean, and South America. All students had the opportunity to participate during the assembly playing drums, wood blocks, and maracas. Students were also encouraged to sing, clap, and chant with the beat.

Upper grade students danced and lower grade students paraded as everyone learned and had fun. Each assembly concluded with teachers drumming out a rock and roll beat to represent music from the United States. More information about Dancing Drum is available at [dancingdrum.com](http://dancingdrum.com)

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These Wesley students play the drums at an assembly led by Steve Campbell of Dancing Drum.



Students at Fullerton School try out the drums. Others tried out the wood blocks and maracas.

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Above: Army Trail was the scene for this large group of drummers who took advantage of a chance to play rhythm instruments. Below: The students at Army Trail take part in the drumming by clapping their hands at an assembly held last week.





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## Dancing and drumming

Last week, all District 4 elementary schools were treated to assemblies led by Steve Campbell of Dancing Drum, offering the students a chance to play drums and

dance along to world music. Pictured are students from Lake Park School dancing while others play the drums (behind the dancers). More photos inside.