

# Newcombinville Elementary School Music Communication Plan 2020/2021 (A. Sheffield, Music)

## Program Overview

Music is a dynamic part of our life and culture, providing pleasure and enjoyment, as well as deeper insights and awareness. All Music classes at Newcombinville Elementary School will foster the development of physical, perceptual, personal, and social skills of students; while students create, respond to, and present music.

## Covid 19's Impact on Music Class

Like so many other activities, music class will be carried out differently than it was before. The province has offered detailed recommendations for Music P-12 that are based on research and practice in music education. Research is ongoing and recommendations are subject to change throughout the year.

I will be following, and monitoring, provincial recommendations throughout the year as I plan for music classes. We will begin the year developing our music classroom culture and establishing new routines designed to be engaging while keeping everybody safe. Below I will outline some of the key changes and some of the things that will stay the same related to music class.

A little bit the same	* A little bit different
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● I am extremely excited to see and work with your children again.</li><li>● Students will have lots of opportunities to move, use their imaginations, and be creative.</li><li>● Students will be chanting, humming, using body percussion, playing instruments (sanitized and not shared), listening, and moving to music</li><li>● Students will still be creating, presenting, and responding to music to develop their understanding of the following: rhythm, melody, harmony, expression, and cultural context.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● To reduce movement in the hallways, students will not be traveling to music class and I will be going into students' classrooms to teach music class.</li><li>● Students will be social distancing as much as possible within their classrooms.</li><li>● Students will not be singing until further research has been completed and singing is deemed appropriate by public health guidance. (humming and chanting are appropriate)</li><li>● Instruments will not be shared between students.</li></ul> <p>* subject to change</p>

## Assessment

Assessment for learning will be ongoing throughout the year. Students will be assessed based on their demonstration of understanding of the items listed above. They will be assessed using observation, rubrics, work samples, projects, and self-evaluations.

## Expectations for Learning Success

**To achieve success in music class, students need to participate, strive to do their best, be good listeners, and respect themselves and others.** Music classes are 30 minutes long twice a week, therefore students are expected to listen, be respectful, and participate in activities. Any disruptions during these classes will impact their ability to learn and can negatively impact the rest of the class. Negative behaviour in music classes will not be tolerated in order for all students to have the best chance for success.

## Communication

If you need to reach me you can do so by visiting the "contact me" section of my [website](#), emailing [asheffield@gnspe.ca](mailto:asheffield@gnspe.ca), calling the school at 541-8230, or through writing a note in your child's agenda. Please do not hesitate to contact me.

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