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Paddock Road families,

Thank you for your attendance and support at both our 3rd and 4th Grade and 5th and 6th Grade music programs this fall! I could not be more impressed with the performances our students put on display. They were the result of lots of hard work and dedication to our craft. I hope that families were able to enjoy these special evenings while watching our kids shine.

Now that our grade level concerts are past us, students in Grades 3-6 will spend time experiencing music through several different mediums. The third quarter will start with our curriculum work in multi-part ensembles on the barred instruments (xylophones, metallophones, and glockenspiels). We will eventually move to percussion ensembles with a focus on the tubano drums. Through these activities, students will gain knowledge on music concepts in both pitch and rhythm.

Sixth grade students will soon begin preparing for their performance in the annual District Vocal Music Festival. A concert featuring all Westside Community Schools sixth graders will take place on Thursday, March 21st at 7:00 p.m. in the Westside High School gym. More information will be sent to families in an email as this date approaches.

Students in primary grades have spent the first semester working through many different songs and speech activities, while also playing instruments, moving to music, and analyzing music with a critical listening ear. While these will continue through the remainder of the school year, we are also soon to begin preparing for our K-1-2 music program. This program will take place on Thursday, April 25th at 6:00 p.m. in the Westside Middle School auditorium. More information will be sent to families in an email as this date approaches.

Thanks as always for the continued support. It's great to be a Paddock Road Panda!

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