



Welcome back to another great school year! This year, a select number of 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade students will have an awesome opportunity to participate in a brand new percussion ensemble.

**The P.O.P Ensemble (which stands for Presidents of Percussion) will provide 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade students with a variety of opportunities for drumming experiences. The focus will be on “bucket drumming,” but with a twist. Thanks to the Abraham Lincoln Elementary School PTA, there will be special drumheads that attach to the bucket. I know your child will be as excited about this as I am!**

#### **WHEN WILL THE P.O.P ENSEMBLE BEGIN?**

The P.O.P. Ensemble will begin on Wednesday, September 13. Rehearsals will take place each **(Wednesdays) from (7:00-7:50 AM) in Mr. Hawkins’ music classroom (112).**

#### **WILL THERE BE AUDITIONS FOR THE P.O.P ENSEMBLE?**

There will not be auditions for the P.O.P. Ensemble this year. I want to include any 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade students that are interested.

#### **HOW MANY STUDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE P.O.P. ENSEMBLE?**

As I mentioned above, students will not have to audition for the P.O.P. Ensemble. However, there will be a limit to the number of participants in the ensemble. **The maximum number of students for the P.O.P. Ensemble will be 25. If your child is interested, they should return the permission form as soon as possible.**

#### **DO I NEED TO SEND BACK A PERMISSION FORM TO PARTICIPATE?**

Yes, please make sure your parent fills out the permission form and returns it as soon as possible to ensure full participation.

## **WHAT WILL BE MY CHILD'S EXPECTATIONS FOR THE P.O.P. ENSEMBLE?**

First, I want all students to enjoy this experience and learn as much as they can. With that in mind, all members need to meet ensemble expectations. First, all students need to attend all rehearsals for this ensemble. This is very important, as there will be one rehearsal per week (**Wednesday mornings from 7:00-7:50 AM**). Second, they will be expected to practice outside of school. I will send links to activities that students will be doing in class that will help with this. Finally, students will need to be attentive and engaged during the entire rehearsal. Please remind your child that the P.O.P. Ensemble is an opportunity to make music with others, but that it requires everyone to be on the same page and work together as a musical unit. **NOTE: Your child is committing to being in the P.O.P. Ensemble for the entire school year. This is very important since there are only 25 students that will be allowed to participate.**

## **WHAT KINDS OF SONGS/ACTIVITIES WILL BE A PART OF THE P.O.P. ENSEMBLE?**

The P.O.P. Ensemble will work on a variety of activities that will build up their drumming and rhythm skills. Stay tuned for links of activities that we will work on in rehearsals and performances.

## **WHEN WILL THE REHEARSAL SCHEDULE BE?**

The P.O.P. Ensemble will have an outside of school rehearsal once per week for (45 minutes) on (Wednesday mornings). Consistent attendance is important for this group, as there will only be one rehearsal per week outside of school. It should be mentioned that all 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade students would have opportunities during the school day to continue developing their drumming and rhythm skills in music class.

## **ARE THERE ANY UPCOMING CONCERTS FOR THE YEAR?**

Yes, stay tuned for more information on this!

## **WILL I NEED TO BRING MY CHILD TO P.O.P. ENSEMBLE EACH MORNING?**

**Yes, you will need to make sure that your child is at Abraham Lincoln Elementary by (7:00). Rehearsal will begin promptly at (7:00) and end at (7:50).** Note: There will not be any alternate transportation provided such as buses to accommodate these students before/after school. **By agreeing to have your child in the P.O.P. Ensemble, you are agreeing to have them here at school during rehearsals. Please drop them off at the front of the school. Thank you.**

I am very excited about what this year will bring with the P.O.P Ensemble.

Sincerely,

Brett Hawkins  
Elementary Music Teacher  
Abraham Lincoln Elementary School

I intend for my child \_\_\_\_\_, in  
Mr./Ms. \_\_\_\_\_ classroom to participate in the P.O.P  
Ensemble. This group will rehearse on **(Wednesday mornings from 7:15-8:00 AM)**. Please  
drop off your child by **(7:00 AM)** at the front of the school.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this form as soon as possible if you and your child plan on participating in this special ensemble.**

THANK YOU!

Brett Hawkins  
Elementary Music Specialist  
Abraham Lincoln Elementary School

**Please fill this above part out, then cut out and return to Mr. Hawkins ☺**

Dear Nulepa,

Ca kan in kuatmi hna hi nan rel khawh lo le nan fian lo ahcun atang i kan tialmi, nanmah holh (Chin/Burmese) a thiammi hi rak chawn te uh. Sianginn lei in cakuat dang an in kuatmi hna nan theih fian lomi a um tik zong ah hal khawh a si lai.

Chin/Burmese holh a thiammi chawnh khawhnak:

A min: Hlawn Par

Phone number: (317) 789-3868 or (317) 789-3800 (office)

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Estimados padres/tutores,

Si usted no puede entender la siguiente información debido al lenguaje, por favor comuníquese con la/el maestra(o) /tutor de su escuela para que le aclare cualquier duda.

La oficina de inglés como Segundo Idioma también se encuentra disponible para asistirle con cualquier duda que tenga con la información que se le envía a su casa.

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