

## Meet Music Teacher Michelle Beeson



### Why Music Matters

Scientific research shows music study helps young minds develop. Music is a basic building block of intelligence and playing music develops critical neural connections. Studying music reinforces teamwork, communication skills, self discipline, and creativity — all qualities children need to be successful in other schoolwork. Learning music even develops spatial IQ, which helps students tackle challenging subjects like math and science.

### Credentials

- Over 22 years of music teaching experience; 5 years in DMUSD
- Bachelor of Arts in Music
- Master of Arts in Church Music
- Leadership Education Certified
- Miss Beeson's Music Memory teams have placed first at the County "Music Bee" competitions for the past 3 years in conjunction with Orchestra Nova

### Curriculum

Students learn specific age-appropriate CA State Standards for music as they express the basic elements of rhythm, pitch, form, dynamics, tempo, and style while singing, reading, writing, playing instruments, and listening to music.

All students are exposed to major classical works with fun computer listening maps in Music Memory.

Upper grades can join band, string, and chorus performance ensembles during lunch.

Additionally, Miss Beeson is a Student Council Faculty Advisor.

### Class Activities

K: Introduction to ta titi, sol-mi, movement, instrument intro: Carnival of the Animals

G1: Singing: sol, mi, la; Land of Music, Thanksgiving musical

G2: Singing: do, re, mi, so, la; *Heroes All* musical

G3: Orff-Schulwerk Ensemble pieces; *Vacation on Mars* musical

G4: Recorder Karate; *Go West* musical (California history)

G5: Drumming/Xylophones; *13 Colonies* musical (US history)

G6: Drumming/Xylophones; *Dig-It* musical (Ancient Civilizations)

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