

PRESIDENTS' MEETING

FEBRUARY 4, 2024



TONIGHT'S AGENDA

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2023-24 Remaining Meeting Dates:

3/10/24, 4/14/24, 5/5/24

There are 2 sessions - attend the one that works best for you.

5:00 pm Pacific (*2:00 pm Hawaii; 6:00 pm Mountain; 7:00 pm Central; 8:00 pm Eastern*)

6:15 pm Pacific (*3:15 pm Hawaii, 7:15 pm Mountain, 8:15 pm Central; 9:15 pm Eastern*)

FYI: AZ does not observe daylight savings time so for those in AZ, keep that in mind when deciding when to attend.

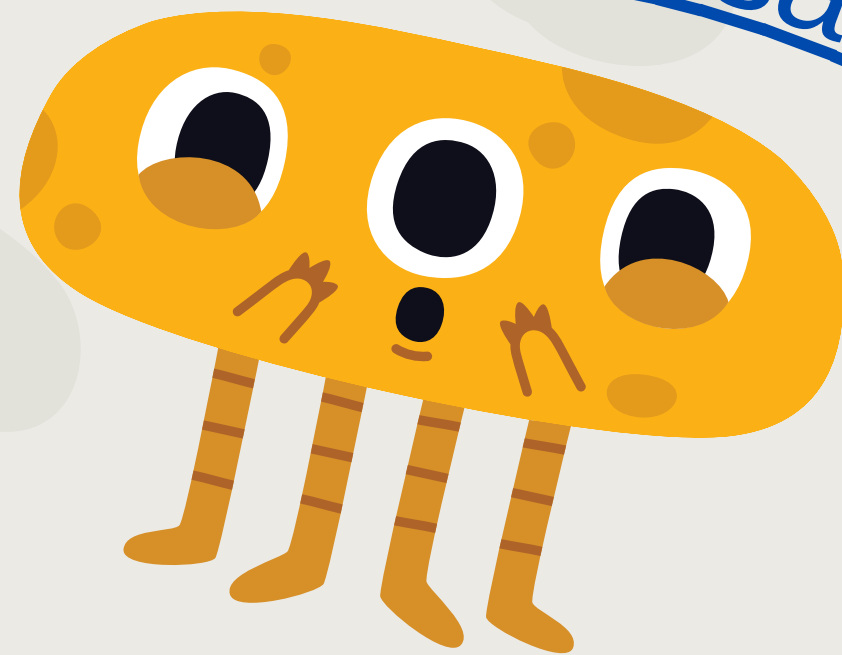


**Peer
Mentorship
Program**

REMINDERS & IMPORTANT MENTIONABLES



Rehearsal Feedback Forms!



A QUICK STROLL DOWN MEMORY LANE

A-B-C's Of Interacting with New Musicians



NEW GAMES!

L-E-A-D-E-R-S-H-I-P

**Leading
Effective
Rehearsals**

SOCIAL STORIES

WINTER CONTEST WINNERS

Dickerson Middle School

Elkhart High School

Independence High School

Johansen High School

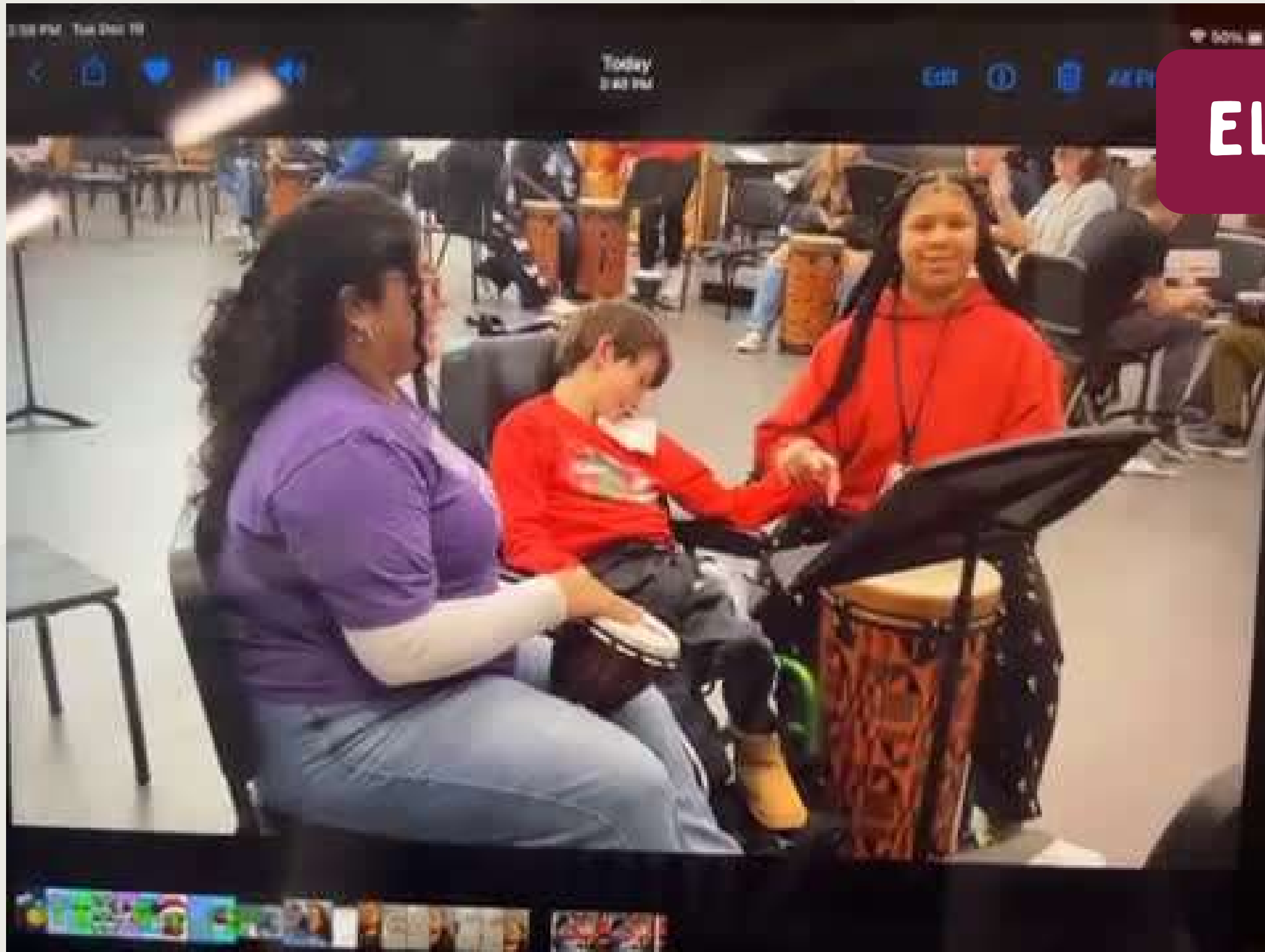


ELKHART HIGH SCHOOL



MORE VIDEOS FROM OUR CONTEST

ELKHART HIGH SCHOOL



STILL MORE VIDEOS

DICKERSON MIDDLE SCHOOL



INDEPENDENCE HIGH SCHOOL





**JOHANSEN HIGH
SCHOOL**



**WHO DOESN'T LOVE A LITTLE FUN?
DO YOU ENJOY SHARING IDEAS WITH OTHERS?**



FEBRUARY

CONTEST



YOUR FEEDBACK IS OUR GIFT

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING SCHOOLS FOR
COMPLETING A REHEARSAL FEEDBACK FORM

**Campo Verde High School
Roswell High School
Willard Middle School
Elkhart High School**



**Creekside Middle School
Perrysburg High School
Centerville High School Band
Dickerson Middle School**

**Seegerstrom High School
Daniel Morgan Middle School
Lake Asbury Junior High
South Valley Junior High
Independence High School**

YOUR FEEDBACK IS OUR GIFT

WHAT HAVE BEEN YOUR GREATEST SUCCESSES AND/OR ACCOMPLISHMENTS DURING REHEARSAL THIS MONTH?

Getting our players to get more comfortable.

Our greatest accomplishment was finishing the song.

Played winter concert

We had completed all the courses and things to do those weeks

Learning our concert music and playing together!

Being able to play our concert music with the recorded music

Holiday party, getting invited to play at the state-wide GMEA conference

Our greatest accomplishments have been having some of our new musicians finish their books.

The new musicians being comfortable around us and it being ok making mistakes

We created our own group feedback form, which was filled out by our mentors before break, and one of the biggest questions/concerns they had was keeping their new musicians' focus. So, we put together a slideshow which had a few tips that can help keep focus while also making this fun for the new musicians. Several of our mentors were new to the program this year so I think this really helped them at least get some sort of idea on where to go during small group time with their new musicians.

Our group rehearsals have gone well. The mentors get straight to work without being told what to do. Our concert went well and we got far.

Getting our students involved

We played the happy birthday song and it was awesome! It was also nice to see everyone after a longer break. One of our presidents found two really fun rhythm games that she made herself (they were a blast)!

We were able to create a better bond at the beginning. By implementing more activities in United Sound, the band members have been closer together to create that family like environment.

We were able to teach the New Musicians to use the flashcards and apply the skills to many different instruments.



YOUR FEEDBACK IS OUR GIFT

WHAT CHALLENGES HAVE YOU HAD DURING REHEARSAL THIS MONTH?

Getting some of our players to do specific patterns on their instruments.

Our greatest challenge was the new musician getting distracted easily.

Playing with full band

We had some weeks where we couldn't do united sound

Everyone seemed to lose focus and motivation because of the upcoming break getting attention and work productivity

Arranging the National Anthem parts

Some challenges that we have had are some of the new musicians wanting to change their instruments and getting distracted. Our biggest issue had been focusing because it is the end of the day and everyone just wants to go home and focuses less and less on the music.

A few challenges have been maintaining class focus and drive/motivation. It's prime-time for sleepiness and boredom all throughout the school, and United Sound is no exception, especially since we won't have a concert for a while. I think it's just a little hard to keep all our students engaged and help them to be motivated to play and have fun during class.

The challenges in January were kids not always being here and the amount of snow days we had.

Getting our students to get used to coming back to the program.

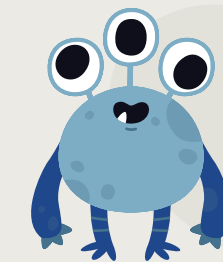
Our timing for the rehearsals was a little off because we are still getting back into the swing of things. We also had to cancel our rehearsal one week for a snow day.

Some challenges that we've had through this month is just playing the rhythms together. Making sure they are able to associate the note names with the rhythm, especially for new members/new instruments. It was hard to give the New Musicians instructions without overwhelming them.





YOUR FEEDBACK IS OUR GIFT



WHAT ACTIVITIES AND/OR GAMES DID YOU INCORPORATE INTO YOUR UNITED SOUND REHEARSALS THIS MONTH? WHAT WAS SUCCESSFUL? WHAT DIDN'T WORK?

We watched rhythm videos.

We played follow the conductor and it really help because it help them stay steady and when they should play.

Movie Day

We did the beach ball pass with questions.

We didn't do too much because of the break, but coloring, trivia, draw your group members as a snowman, four corners, plus a few others!

Do you love your neighbor who... & Rock Paper Scissors tournament

Just Dance and Uno, were both successful.

We incorporated watching a yoga video and having everyone do it and also asking a question sometimes like what you did over the weekend. It was successful as it made everyone more excited to start.

We do keep the balloon up as a fun break game and it goes well!

We did beach ball rhythms, musical simon says, I play you repeat, and musical bingo. These games seemed to work pretty well and they can be fun, however it's getting tough to have such repetitive games, so we're going to try to incorporate some new/fun games that sometimes might not necessarily be music-related (since we don't have a concert for a while).

We played freeze dance, animal antics, and music is my.

Some videos

We played a rhythm dice game with rhythms on each side of a cube. Each person in the group would roll once and there would be a 4 note rhythm that the group would play. We played this in small groups, but it could be made for the whole chapter to play together,too. The other game was where you pulled sticks with rhythms and tried not to get a stick that said "Busted!" on it. The players at the end who had the most rhythms won!

Pass it on (telephone), I would say fairly successful. People enjoyed it and we were laughing and just creating that community in the very beginning. We also played I love my neighbor who... This was very successful because we were able to laugh and enjoy likes/dislikes with one another and learn about each other.

We gave a ball to one of the New Musician, and he would throw it at the drum to create a beat.



CLOSURE IN THE CHAT

The information in our President Meetings isn't always for your ears and eyes only. Each group in your chapter should be learning strategies and tips for making the most of your rehearsal time.

That being said, WHEN and HOW do you teach your Peer Mentors what you've learned in our meetings?



SEE YOU
MARCH 10TH

