




# Elementary Music Matters

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### Notes from the Chair Jeannine DuMond



Welcome to the New Year! We certainly started the new year with a bang with snow days, 2-hour delays, early releases, and 3-4 day weeks. Hopefully, everyone is back to a normal school schedule. As we adjust our rehearsals and perhaps performance dates, let's remember we are creating wonderful experiences and memories for our students. Thank you for your dedication to your students to make music a priority in their lives.

The Elementary Board is excited to announce our Spring Mini-Conference will be held at Appalachian State University on May 3, 2025. Session proposals are being accepted until February 21, 2025. Please see the information below.

Session proposals for our November 2025 Conference in Winston-Salem are also being accepted until February 28, 2025. The application reads: "We invite proposals that cultivate a vision of music education that is inclusive, collaborative, and expansive, keeping in mind the ideals set forth by NCMEA's strategic framework." [Click here to access the form to submit proposals.](#)

NCMEA Scholarships and Grants can be found on our NCMEA website under the Programs tab. The deadline for applications is March 1, 2025, and here is a link to the applications for [scholarships](#) and [grants](#).

March is Music In Our Schools Month®. The theme this year is United Through Music and the committee has several new initiatives. [Click here to see!](#)

Please consider being a representative for your county. Contact your District Representative if you are interested. Your Elementary Board wants to connect with you!

Break a leg on all your upcoming performances and events this spring!

Respectfully,

Jeannine DuMond



## 2025 Mini-Conference

**This year's Mini-Conference will be on May 3, 2025 at the Broyhill Music Center of Appalachian State University!**

\$20 - members in Districts 7 & 8

\$40 - members

\$50 - non-members

Free - Collegiate Students

We are accepting session proposals until February 21. Stay tuned for the conference schedule and registration information!



## Find Us on Social Media!

**Facebook:** [NCMEA Elementary Section](#)

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**Instagram:** [@ncmea\\_elem](#)

**Website:** <https://www.ncmea.net/sections-2/elementary/>



## News from District 5 Marshall Pugh

### Guilford County

- Fifth graders in Guilford County will attend *Le mariage aux Lanternes* (The Wedding by Lantern-Light) by Jacques Offenbach February 3rd - 5th at the Carolina Theatre.
- Preston Kendall will be the All-County clinician for our All-County Chorus for 200 selected fifth graders on March 10th & 11th.
- Third and fourth graders in Guilford County will attend the Greensboro Symphony Orchestra on March 18th - 21st at the Stevens Tanger Center for the Performing Arts.
- Northern Elementary teacher Jeannine DuMond reports the third graders will present a day performance of *Joust, A Mighty Medieval Musical* for the school and an evening performance for their parents on February 6th. To celebrate Music In Our Schools Month, they will have their annual Talent Show on March 21, 2025 at 6:30 pm.
- Madison Elementary teacher Emily Mote is presenting a Black History program on February 28, 2025.
- Brightwood Elementary is presenting *Happiness in Hardship: From Spirituals to Hip Hop* on February 27th, 2025.
- Millis Road Elementary teacher Ashley Dunford collaborated with the PE teacher to integrate a Cardio Drumming Unit.
- Faulkner Elementary, teacher Dorester Alexander, is celebrating with *The Evolution of Black Music: Field Hollers to Modern Music* on February 28th 1pm-2pm.



## Elementary NCMEA Spotlight!!

Have you had a concert that you are super proud of?  
Is your afterschool group holding an event that you'd like to share?  
Just want to share photos from your program that you love?  
Fill out [this form](#) and let us celebrate on Instagram all of the great things that North Carolina Elementary Music Teachers are doing!!

## News from District 6 Susan Fogleman

### Cleveland County

- CCS will be hosting their annual county-wide Elementary Honors Chorus on March 13 at the Burns High School Auditorium in Lawndale, NC.
- CCS Music Teacher Ricky Alston was the facilitator of the session "Feel the Beat: The Magic of Music" through ProfoundLadies.org on Sept. 26
- CCS Music Teachers Angie Costner (25 years), Susan Fogleman (20 years), and Casey Vess (20 years) were recognized at the CCS Circle of Honor banquet on Sept. 24 for consecutive years of service.



Costner, Fogleman,  
and Vess

### Rowan County

- Rowan-Salisbury Elementary Honors Chorus will be hosting their county-wide concert on March 21st.

### Iredell County/Mooresville Graded

- The Piedmont NC Orff Chapter is offering a Workshop on Saturday, February 8 in Mooresville, as well as other workshops. See the flyers below.

### Lincoln County

- LCS teacher Katie Land is presenting a Spring Concert on April 8th at Norris S. Childers elementary school.
- LCS teacher Tasha Stoddard is presenting *Matilda the Musical* with her fourth and fifth grade students on February 8th at 1pm and 3:30pm at the North Lincoln High School Auditorium.
- LCS teacher Tasha Stoddard is taking the Saint James Chorus to perform the National Anthem at the Gastonia Ghost Peppers Baseball Game on April 28th.
- LCS teacher Hannah McGuire is presenting the musical *The Lion King: KIDS* on April 5th at 3:30pm and 5:30pm at the North Lincoln High School Auditorium.
- LCS teacher Abby Keisler is presenting *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory: KIDS* with her fourth and fifth grade students on March 22nd at 1pm and 3:30pm at Catawba Springs Elementary school.
- LCS teacher Abby Keisler is taking the Colt Chorus to perform the National Anthem at the Gastonia Ghost Peppers Baseball Game on May 10th.
- LCS 5th graders will be attending and participating in an educational concert provided by the NC Symphony in March.
- Laura Black will be visiting Lincoln County to present a PD session on February 13th

### Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools

- Charlotte Mecklenburg will host our their elementary honors choir on March 8th.



## News from District 7

### Andrea Evans

#### Burke County

- The Burke County Elementary Honors Chorus will be held on March 28 with clinician Tom Shelton.
- Burke County fourth Graders will travel to Lenoir-Rhyne University to see the Western Piedmont Symphony in February.

#### Caldwell County

- The Caldwell County Elementary All County Chorus will be held on February 24-25 with clinician Heather Potter.
- Welcome, Kristen Turner to Dudley Shoals Elementary School, and Jackson Ayscue to Kings Creek School!
- Caldwell County 5th graders will also travel to Lenoir-Rhyne University to see the Western Piedmont Symphony on Feb. 11.

#### Catawba County/Newton-Conover/Hickory City

- Glenda Stephens received the J. Don Coleman Education Fund Grant from the Hickory Choral Society.
- The Catawba Valley Elementary All County Chorus will be held on March 14. (See flyer)
- Catawba County fifth grade students will travel to Lenoir-Rhyne University to see the Western Piedmont Symphony in February.
- Sherrills Ford Elementary third and fourth graders are performing *Finding Nemo Kids* at Sherrills Ford Elementary on February 6.
- Sherrills Ford Elementary fifth and sixth grader Sound of the Tigers are performing *Moana Jr.* at Mill Creek Middle on March 21.



CATAWBA VALLEY COUNTY ELEMENTARY  
ALL COUNTY

## Chorus Concert 2025

CONDUCTOR/COMPOSER/CLINICIAN:  
**SALLY K. ALBRECHT**

Date: March 14, 2025

Time: 6:30pm

Venue:  
Maiden High School  
Auditorium

Hosted by:  
Catawba County  
Schools

#### ADDRESS:

600 W Main St, Maiden, NC 28650

This project was supported by Arts Culture Catawba through the North Carolina Arts Council, a division of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, with funding from the National Endowment for the Arts

# Professional Development Opportunities

## 02.08 OSCAR OVIEDO



This workshop focuses on incorporating Folk music from Colombia into Orff Schulwerk ensembles. Oscar will show how he used original melodies, composed Orff arrangements and different musical activities like: morning songs, name songs, canons and more, inspired by the folk music of Colombia.

EAST MOORESVILLE INTERMEDIATE

## 03.22 FOLK DANCE NIGHT



Come join us for a fun evening of folk dancing- Friends and family are welcome!

EAST MOORESVILLE INTERMEDIATE

Presented by the Piedmont NC Chapter of AOSA. Find out more information and register at <http://tinyurl.com/pnccasoa>!

Karen Shuford and Katie Lehman

## AN INTRO TO KODÁLY TRAINING

Saturday, March 29th  
10am-3pm

### TICKETS

OAKE Members: \$25

Non-OAKE Members: \$35

### "Bring a Friend" discount:

2 tickets for \$50! (when you register together)

### LOCATION

Christ Episcopal Church  
1412 Providence Rd.  
Charlotte, NC 28207

Central Carolina AOSA

## CREATIVE PROCESSES IN ELEMENTARY GENERAL MUSIC

Saturday, March 22  
9AM-1PM

Durham Academy  
3501 Ridge Rd  
Durham, NC 27705

**Satellite Locations Available!**  
**Please see our website for more information.**

AOSA Members: \$50  
Non-Members: \$60  
Retired Members: \$10  
College Students: FREE



Guest Clinician  
VICTORIA BOLTER

REGISTER AT [CCCAOSA.COM](http://CCCAOSA.COM)

Presented by Kodaly Educators of NC. Find out more information and register at <https://www.kodalync.com/home!>

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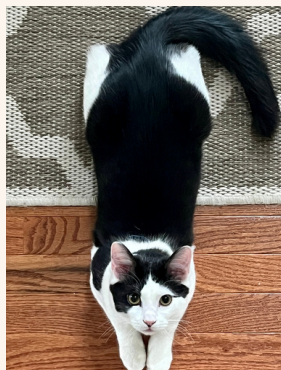
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