



# AUGUST NEWS

## A NOTE FROM THE TEACHER:

Hello! I'm Ms. Van Eaton (it's two words) and I am celebrating my 20th year at Darnell Elementary! Please take a moment to review the [Welcome Infographic](#) (a hard copy went home with students after their first Music Class). Let me know if you have any questions.

## EVENTS

>>> [Music Class Schedule & Rotation Calendar](#)

August 12-19 - First rotation of Specials' classes

August 27-30 - Honor Choir auditions for interested 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders (see the [Choir packet](#) for more information)

### Songs of the Month



Third, fourth, and fifth graders are singing "The Star Spangled Banner" and "My Country 'Tis of Thee" (verse 1 only).

## REMINDERS

What we wear to Music Class is important to our success. Please send students to school on Music Day wearing loose comfortable clothes for movement and P.E. shoes to avoid injury.

### How to Reach Me

Email: [vaneaam@nv.ccsd.net](mailto:vaneaam@nv.ccsd.net) (preferred method)

Text: [Class Dojo](#)

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Please note, I do not accept verbal communication from students in place of parent messages.

## LEARNING FOCUS

**Kindergarteners** are learning how to work together, listen, and use their singing voices. We are playing games and using classroom instruments for the first time.

**First graders** are singing, working on personal space, and playing instruments.

**Second graders** are reviewing first grade rhythm patterns and mallet instrument technique.

**Third graders** are singing the songs of the month, reviewing second grade rhythm patterns, and mallet instrument technique.

**Fourth graders** are singing the songs of the month, reviewing third grade rhythm patterns, and mallet instrument technique. We are exploring syncopated rhythms and partner dances.

**Fifth graders** are singing the songs of the month, reviewing fourth grade rhythm patterns, and mallet instrument technique. We are exploring compound meter and partner work.



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