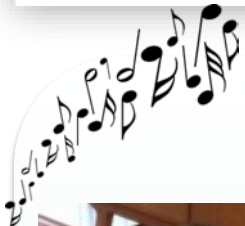




Fall 2017



Director Notes:



Sometimes, dreams come true. With a lot of coordination, hard work on everyone's part. Administrators who 'get it', a school district that supports it, our donors who fund it; we have opened two "Hubs"

for our now over 100 musicians! The advanced 'Hub' is located at Joli Ann Leichtag Elementary School (where Fortissimo began 3 years ago) and is taught by our Maestra Anna Piland. The musicians are now a combination of Joli Ann's 5th graders and San Marcos Middle School students returning to JAL for orchestra.

The beginner Hub' is under the co direction of Diane Hunt and Anna Piland, and has 3 elementary schools represented, San Marcos Elementary, Joli Ann, and Twin Oaks Elementary. This group is over 70 enthusiastic new string players!

We are so grateful to the parents who are committed to our program and manage to transport their kids. It is only through their support that we are able to take advantage of the best two instructors ever!

Stay 'tuned' for our concert schedule!

One mighty proud Fortissimo Program Director

~ Carole Beeson



SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT

The Neighborhood Reinvestment Program is largely responsible for helping us purchase the beautiful and expensive string instruments that are essential to our orchestra. They have supported us financially for the past 3 years. Supervisor Bill Horn is the Chairman of the grant committee. What a resume he has! He is a highly decorated military hero as well as a community board member for the Farm Bureau, sponsor of Vietnamese immigrants, and as supervisor for 5 terms he has one of the best managed and fiscally secure counties in America. We are proud to know him and to have his endorsement.

Thank you, Supervisor Horn and the NRP!



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Meet Maestra Diane Hunt



Ms. Hunt grew up in San Diego and attended Cal State San Marcos, where she received her Bachelor's degree in Visual and

Performing Arts and her multiple subject teaching credential. She began playing the violin in her fifth grade music program, and has since performed in a variety of arenas, playing with large symphony orchestras and smaller acoustic and electric ensembles. While she loves performing, her greatest passion lies in working with children. She thoroughly enjoys teaching music at San Marcos Elementary, and coaching the extracurricular Fortissimo youth orchestra, which consists of students from San Marcos, Joli Ann Leichtag, and Twin Oaks Elementary Schools.

Spotlight on Outstanding Musicians

Meet our quartet!

(From Left to right) Dulce, Nancy, Aaron, and Jazmine

These four middle school Fortissimo students have spent many hours above and beyond their class rehearsals. They are members of the SDYS Conservatory Program which has many demands on their time and they also volunteered to represent Fortissimo in the California Latino School Board presentation. They brought a lovely check to us for their impressive performance, excelling in our program.



Spotlight on Melissa Hunt, Superintendent of SMUSD

With nearly 30 years in education, Melissa Hunt began her career as an English and History teacher. After becoming an administrator in the greater Los Angeles area, she moved to San Diego to become the principal of Woodland Park Middle School from 2001 to 2006. San Marcos Unified "loaned" her to the San Diego County Office of Education to provide professional development for school leaders throughout the county. She returned to the district in 2011 to become the principal of San Marcos Middle School.

In her most recent role as Director of Secondary Education, she worked closely with administrators and teachers to ensure quality teaching. Appointed by the SMUSD Governing Board in July 2017, Mrs. Hunt has moved forward in her role as Superintendent working to ensure equity and access for all students.



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