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Spring Newsletter!



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A Special Note

Music still Matters! Let's put the "A" back in **STEM** (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) and make some **STEAM** because "A"rts **integrate** these four educational disciplines for lasting learning and do it with such fun-filled JOY!

For 27 years, MFMI has kept music in the schools thanks to community support. We have impacted countless lives as a result of children's exposure to music during their most susceptible years. Not only have children been **nurtured with the love and literacy of music** by our trained community volunteers, but **classroom teachers' positive feedback** has confirmed that children are more focused, cooperative, self-disciplined, and respectful of others and materials because of their MFMI experience. Most of all, **children are more joyful** and school attendance has improved thereby increasing long-lasting learning opportunities. This is the power of music to impact lives and change our future, making it a better world!

The **MFMI methodology** is motivational, engaging and pure fun seeking to reach the whole child and then teach him/her with enthusiasm which becomes contagious. **This has been the MFMI story! As we embark upon our 28th year of service in 2016, won't you join us as a volunteer or sponsor** so that our story continues to unfold with greater expansion and coverage of school classrooms, because there are still many children in need of music!

Carol Zilli

MFMI Executive Director

A Big MFMII THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING...

[FREMONT BANK](#) has once again generously supported MFMII in several areas and we are most grateful. A HUGE THANK YOU for the \$ 5,000 to help support our Docent Mentoring Program, Lesson Plan Project, Music Workshops, and the purchase of instruments for our resource centers. [TRI CITIES WOMEN'S CLUB](#) for selecting Music for Minors II as their chosen charity to support through their annual fundraiser in April. Their generous donation of \$ 4,000 will be used to help support our docent training program.

- [Dale Hardware](#) for sponsoring T-shirts for the new MFMII Kids' Choir.
- [Lynette Pang](#), former docent and board member, for her generous annual donation to MFMII.
- [Marilyn Williams](#), community member, for donating the 40 ukuleles she won online.
- [Hugo Lopez](#), the husband of new Newark Docent Ines Canales, for assembling the cabinet for MFMII's 5th Resource Center at Kennedy School in Newark.
- [MFMII Docent Mentors](#) who supported our new Docents in transitioning into their classrooms.
- [MFMII Training Team](#) members who continue to create standards-based *Lesson Plans* for all docents' use.

Thank you Dee Dee Smith, owner of Dale Hardware, for your support and for attending the MFMII Kids Choir spring performance at Niles School.

Dee Dee is pictured here with her family and MFMII Kids Choir Director Lydia Concepcion and MFMII ED Carol Zilli.



Volunteer Recognition Luncheon on May 24th

These generous donations added greatly to our docent appreciation gifts.

A BIG MFMII Thank You to the following donors:

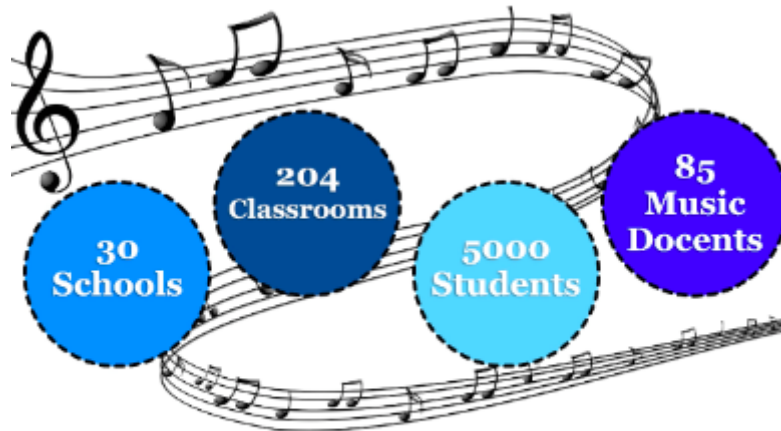
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"Rockin' Robin" Handclappin'

Music In The Schools

March was "**Music In The Schools Month**," but "Every Week is a MFMI Week!" Last December, the President signed the **Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)** which stated that **music and arts education be included as part of a well-rounded education**. MFMI has believed that since its inception knowing that music is essential for healthy child development and academic success. MFMI currently serves:



Taiko Drum Presentations

The **MFMI sponsored interactive Taiko drum presentations** for MFMI classes by **Wadaiko Taiko**, are a big hit. Students have been learning how to play the drums as well as learning about rhythm, cooperation, teamwork and following directions to create dynamic music. MFMI thanks **Terry Eustice** for his inspiration. Taiko classes for children are held on Saturdays at the adult school in Newark. See www.wadaikonewark.org for more information. MFMI's sponsorship of these school assemblies make them free to the schools as a thank you for their support of MFMI.



In Castro Valley, Chabot Elementary parent and concert pianist, Christina Mok, presents her second "Travels With Christina" for all K children in 6 year veteran Docent Liz Baker's classes.



Family Music Nights

MFMI Family Music Nights galore! Staff has been busy as beavers giving our free Family Music Nights at many of our MFMI Schools with the goal of having musical fun and recruiting new docents. **Parents and children** at their local schools experience a fun-filled **musical hour of singing/signing, instruments, rhythmic movement and dance, by rotating three musical stations.**

Many schools in all three school districts that MFMI serves, received MFMI Family Music Nights. More FMN events are available in early September, but please contact MFMI asap to schedule them.

MFMI Presentations...

MFMI ED Carol Zilli, gave presentations at The Tri-City Women's Club Fundraiser on April 19th and at the 4C's (Community Child Care Council of Alameda County) Child Faire on May 14th. Both presentations

...and Performances!

Hats off to our docents at Hirsch, Gomes, Mission Valley, and James Leitch in Fremont, Kennedy, Bunker and Musick and Schilling School in Newark, and Castro Valley Elementary, Stanton, and Jensen Ranch in Castro Valley for their spring performances that showcased what the children have learned musically and also provided important performance experiences which increased their self-confidence and further enhanced their joy in making music with and for others.



Keeping with tradition, Hirsch School sixth graders perform the maypole dance for the whole school and parents, directed by veteran Docent Suzy Young.



Creativity at its best as these Hirsch School students keep the marching beat of "Stars and Stripes Forever" with red and blue plastic plates.
- great sound too in unison!



Kinders and First Graders join in the musical fun at Kennedy School in Newark as they perform for their parents in May, led by new Docents Maria Quezada and Ines Canales.

Mission Valley second and third graders perform an exciting patriotic concert featuring traditional



Jensen Ranch School third graders in Castro Valley led by 7 year veteran Docent Kaori Schneider, sing and play Edelweiss on recorders at their spring performance. The whole school and parents.

MFMI Volunteer Recruitment

Recruitment In Our Schools and Community:

MFMI is busy recruiting for our training classes in the fall. **We need YOU** to bring music to more students. All it takes is a love of music and children, basic music skills and the time to take the fun-filled training **September 14th - November 7th 2016 (Mondays & Wednesdays, offered in Fremont @ 9.15-11.45am and Castro Valley @ 7-9.15pm - only 11 sessions!)** Training and materials are FREE; ongoing support is provided by mentor docents and FREE prepared grade level lesson plans.

For more information about how **you can make the musical difference in children's lives**, call 510-733-1189 or visit the MFMI website: www.musicforminors2.org. To view our **printable flyer**, [click here!](#)



MFMII Kids Choir

The **MFMII Kids' Choir** has been singing their hearts out since last October under the direction of Niles School Docent and Music Teacher, **Lydia Concepcion**. Lydia's husband, **Red Concepcion**, serves as accompanist. After singing at the Christmas Tree Lighting at Dale Hardware and their own holiday concert at Niles School, the choir performed 4 songs at LOV Newark and the Newark Art Council's Sunday concert series event, featuring singing, dancing and instruments. Four soloists were featured in "Heal the World" as they waved flags from different countries. The choir's "Sing for Spring" Concert was terrific as they shared a variety of musical hits with featured soloists. Certificates and goodies at the year-end party ended a great musical year. All 2nd through 6th graders are welcome to join in the fall.

Email: mfm2kidschoir@gmail.com for more details or check out our [website](#).



NEW! Resource Center In Newark

MFMII is pleased to open its **5th Resource Center** filled with instruments and visual/audial aides for our MFMII docents and their students' free access. The center is located at **Kennedy School, in Newark**.

Storage Space Needed

MFMI is in need of some office and storage space to house our training materials.

Preferred location would be in Fremont or Newark. Limited funds require a very reasonable rental rate or ideally a donated space. We are open to shared space as well. Contact Carol Zilli [510-673-5495](tel:510-673-5495) or zillic45@gmail.com.

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Every purchase counts. Thanks for your continued support!

MFMI's Congratulations Corner

A special congratulations to the following individuals:

- [MFMI Board Member Ken Smith](#), on receiving the well-deserved African-American Heritage Leadership Award presented by California Senator Bob Wieckowski, for his outstanding contributions to the community. MFMI is honored to have Ken's service in our program.
- [MFMI Docent Shane Sharkey](#), honoree of the Castro Valley Eden Chamber of Commerce Businessman of the Year for his successful Castro Valley School of Music.
- [Former Docent Catherine Pearson](#), recipient of the prestigious PTA Golden Oak Award.
- [Liaison/Docent Jam Balamaran Ramara](#), recipient of the PTA Honorary Service Award.
- [New Docent Ines Canales](#), awarded the Migrant Education Harvests of Hope Statewide Parent of the Year honor.



MFMI's annual **In Harmony Service Award** honors Hirsch Docent and Liaison of 7 years, **Suzy Young**, and James Leitch Docent and Liaison of 6 years, **Karna Redman** for their outstanding and enthusiastic service to children and the MFMI program. Their names will be joined with other dedicated role models on our In Harmony Service Award plaque.

Congratulations, Suzy and Karna!!



MFMI is grateful to these multi-talented award-winning volunteers for their continued involvement in music education for children. HATS OFF to all MFMI Volunteers who were honored at our May 24th Recognition Event. Also thank you to **MFMI Advisory Council members Margaret Thornberry**, President of the Fremont Cultural Arts Council, and **NUSD Board President Ray Rodriguez**, who not only attended the event but joined in the rockin' dances as good sports. (Pictured above)

Make it a Singable Spring and Summer, Everyone!



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