**Grade 6 Music Course Outline 2023 - 2024**

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**Course Description**

The purpose of this course is to continue to develop musical skills learned in previous general music classes. An emphasis will be placed on music literacy – rhythm and note reading and writing. Students will explore music from a variety of styles and eras and will develop musical proficiency through movement, instrument playing (ukuleles), and musical games. In the second half of the school year, students will learn about a variety of band instruments. At the end of the year, students will be able to make an informed choice about whether to continue band in grade seven and which instrument they will play. Students may be required to audition for grade seven band depending on the number of students interested. In alternate years, grade 5 and 6 students traditionally take part in a musical production.

The essential learning areas and goals as directed by the Manitoba music curriculum are:

1.) Music Language and Performance Skills (musical concepts and techniques)

2.) Creative Expression in Music (composition and improvisation)

3.) Understanding Music in Context (connecting music to culture and identity)

4.) Valuing Musical Experience (analyzing, reflecting, and constructing meaning in response to music)

**Required Materials**:

* Duotang (stored in the music room)

**Assessment**

Students will be assessed through a variety of methods in including in-class observations, daily work, performance tests, and written assignments/tests. They will be given a mark of 1 - 4 in each of the four curricular areas.

**Late Assignment Policy**

Students will be given ample time to complete work during class time, but it is expected that assignments are completed and submitted by the given due date. However, I understand that flexibility is necessary in certain circumstances. If students are unable to complete an assignment on time, they are expected to inform me *before* the assignment is due. Together we will decide on an acceptable alternate due date.

**Expectations**

* Be punctual - arrive to class on time, ready to learn.
* Be prepared – bring all required materials, practice your music, and complete your assignments.
* Be respectful – to your yourself, to others, to all property.
* Try – give everything a chance and always do your best work.
* Notify me of any absences as soon as you are able.

**Inappropriate Behaviour**

When there is a situation that requires disciplinary action, the following steps will take place as needed:

1.) Verbally address the issue, discussing why the behaviour was inappropriate and why you made that choice.

2.) Multiple verbal discussions needed – your parents/guardians will be contacted by phone or by e-mail

3.) Meeting will be held between you, your parents/guardians, and me.

4.) Lastly, if the issue continues to be unresolved, there will be principal/administration intervention and disciplinary action will be taken in accordance with Carberry Collegiate/ Beautiful Plains School Division policies.

**Cell Phone/Device Policy**

Students are not to be using their phones/other electronic devices in class unless I have instructed them to do so for educational purposes or they are needed for medical reasons. If devices are used inappropriately, they will be confiscated for the remainder of the class.

**Communication**

Please visit the class website (www.mrsburkesroomweebly.com) and Google Classroom for up to date information about what is happening in music class. Notes about important events will be sent via email as needed. Feel free to contact me at jburke@bpsd.mb.ca.