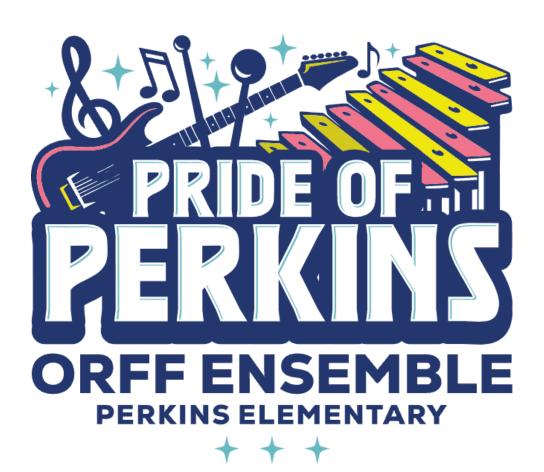


Center for the Arts & International Studies



## WELCOME PACKET

2025-2026



Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am delighted to welcome your children to the Pride of Perkins Orff Ensemble at Perkins Elementary! I am Mr. Rivera, the Conductor and Director for this exceptional group of young musicians.

Our ensemble is an all-year commitment, and I have no doubt that together, we will reach great heights this year. Our goals include tackling challenging music, auditioning for prestigious festivals, and showcasing our talent at community events.

Regular rehearsals are on Wednesday afternoons from 3:25 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Your support in ensuring attendance and commitment is invaluable.

I believe in fostering a positive and inclusive environment, where every member feels valued and encouraged.

For open communication, please feel free to reach out to me via email at riveradan@pcsb.org or through our group text at (305)794-3893.

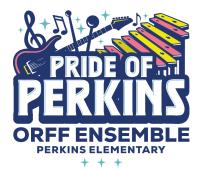
Thank you for entrusting your child's musical education to me. Let's make this a year of unforgettable music and growth!

Sincerely,

Daniel Rivera
Music Director
Perkins Elementary

(305)794-3893 riveradan@pcsb.org







Dear Parents,

Welcome to the Pride of Perkins Orff Ensemble! I am thrilled to have your child as a part of our musical family and look forward to an exciting and enriching year ahead.

**Program Overview:** At Pride of Perkins Orff Ensemble, we are committed to fostering a love for music, nurturing individual talents, and cultivating a strong sense of teamwork and camaraderie among our students. Through the power of the Orff pedagogy and curriculum, we aim to inspire creativity, discipline, and a lifelong appreciation for the art of music.

**Mission:** Our mission is to provide a supportive and challenging environment where students can explore the world of Orff pedagogy and the Modern Band method, develop their skills as musicians, and grow as individuals. We believe in creating opportunities for personal and artistic growth, promoting a strong work ethic, and building lasting friendships through music.

#### **Goals and Objectives:**

To develop technical proficiency on various instruments, including, xylophone, recorder, body percussion, and singing.

To cultivate musicianship skills, such as sight-reading, ensemble playing, and improvisation.

To prepare and perform a diverse repertoire of musical pieces, spanning different genres and styles.

To participate in local and regional performances, competitions, and community outreach events.

To encourage creativity and self-expression through musical composition and arrangement.

To foster a sense of responsibility, discipline, and commitment among ensemble members.

To instill an appreciation for music as a means of emotional expression and cultural understanding.

Rehearsal and Performance Schedule: Enclosed in this package, you will find the rehearsal and performance schedule for the current academic year. Regular attendance at rehearsals is vital to the success of our ensemble, and we appreciate your support in ensuring your child's active participation. More than three absensces will automatically mean that your student will be asked to sit out for any upcoming performances.

**Communication:** I believe that open communication is key to a successful partnership between parents, students, and the ensemble. Please feel free to reach out to me via email or phone with any questions, concerns, or feedback you may have. I will also keep you informed through periodic newsletters and updates on our social media platforms.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** We warmly welcome parent involvement in the Pride of Perkins Orff ensemble. There will be various opportunities throughout the year to volunteer during events, assist with fundraisers, and support our students. Your participation is invaluable and greatly appreciated.

**Financial Information:** Enrollment in the Pride of Perkins Orff ensemble requires the one-time purchase of the performance T-shirt. All families will also be asked to involved in the "Family Basket" program. The Family Basket Program is a weekly initiative in the Pride of Perkins Orff ensemble where one family is responsible for providing snacks for the group during rehearsals and performances. The program operates on a rotating basis, allowing each family to contribute snacks for a designated week before passing it on to the next family.

I am thrilled to embark on this musical journey with your child, and I am confident that the Pride of Perkins Orff Ensemble will be a source of joy, growth, and inspiration. Thank you for entrusting me with the privilege of nurturing their musical talents.

Sincerely,

Daniel Rivera
Director,
Pride of Perkins Orff Ensemble



### **LEADERSHIP ROLES:**

#### **3RD GRADE CAPTAIN**

#### **4TH GRADE CAPTAIN**

#### **5TH GRADE CAPTAIN**

### **LEADERSHIP DUTIES:**

**Pass out materials:** Leaders make sure every musician has the right music sheets, mallets, and any other equipment they need before rehearsals or performances.

**Keep the group on task:** Leaders help the ensemble stay focused during practice sessions, ensuring everyone is paying attention and working together.

**Prepare the group for rehearsals:** Leaders make sure that all the musicians are present and ready to start when the rehearsal begins, so no time is wasted.

**Responsibility and honesty:** Leaders lead by example, showing responsibility in taking care of instruments and being honest with their group members.

**Support their group:** Leaders encourage and motivate their fellow musicians, helping them improve their skills and build confidence.

**Be a real friend to the team:** Leaders create a friendly and positive atmosphere where everyone feels valued and supported, fostering a sense of camaraderie among the members. They are there to listen and offer help when needed.

### **LEADERSHIP CONTRACT:**

Student Name:	Signature:
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	we have read and understood the terms of this re committed to upholding our responsibilities as
	e, not a right, and if I fail to meet the expectations to step down from my leadership position.
I will actively support and encourage my musical development and fostering a ser	fellow ensemble members, assisting them in the nse of camaraderie.
I will be responsible and honest in my ac demonstrating integrity in all interactions	ctions, taking care of the mallet instruments and s.
It is my duty to keep the group focused a harmonious and productive atmosphere.	and on task during practice sessions, promoting a
As a leader, I will assist in distributing maneed for rehearsals and performances.	aterials, ensuring that all members have what the
I will attend all rehearsals, performances necessary materials.	s, and meetings promptly and be prepared with al
I understand that being a leader means t positive example for fellow musicians.	taking on additional responsibilities and setting a
to take on the role of a leader in the Prid	hereby agree to the following terms and condition e of Perkins Orff ensemble:
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# **SEPTEMBER**

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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
			PRIDE OF PERKINS REHEARSAL 3:25-5:30 P.M.			
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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# Weekly Rehearsal Schedule Every Wednesday from 3:25 p.m. 5:00 p.m.

3:25 - 3:45 P.M.

Set-Up / Individual Review Ensemble warm-up

3:45 - 4:30 P.M.

Ensemble Work
Mallet work
Sectionals
Individual practice

4:30 - 4:45 P.M.

Snack / Brain Break
See calendar for snack responsibilities

4:45 - 5:15 P.M.

Ensemble Work
Full group rehearsal
Section run-throughs / Refinement

5:15 - 5:30 P.M.

Closing Meeting / Clean-Up / Dismissal Prep