

# Music Elements

The Beat is What Counts~



October 2021  
Newsletter

## School News

This year Music Elements will be caroling on December 4<sup>th</sup>, all are welcome to join us and we will also be collecting winter coats and small household goods at that time to donate to The Wish Project in North Chelmsford!

We will also be collecting unwrapped toys to donate for Toys for Tots. Donations can be made at the school!



Got some news that you would like to share?

Let us know if there is something you have to share in our newsletter and we will post your accomplishments so that everyone can share in the news!

## The Vibe

Music Elements *The Vibe* band got to have their first performance for their families in our new Music Hall last month. Be on the lookout for future public events that they will be performing at!



## Meet Our Teachers

### Justin Spicer

Justin started playing guitar when he was ten years old; after developing an interest in country music as well as the music of Jimi Hendrix. He began taking private guitar lessons from a neighbor for three years; and it was during this time his

teacher noted his possession of perfect pitch. After three years of playing, Justin began providing guitar and bass lessons as a means to complete the required forty community service hours to graduate to high school.

Once Justin was in high school, he became heavily involved in the school's band program; participating in the marching band, the jazz band, the concert band, and the drum-line; earning the Patrick S. Gilmore award in his sophomore year. After taking courses for guitar, piano, and music theory, he devised an independent Justin Spicer study course based on composition techniques ranging from Baroque to modern styles. As well as continuing to give private guitar and bass lessons, Justin also played in multiple bands outside of school; ranking top placement regularly in annual Battle of The Bands competitions, with two first-place nominations.

In 2011 Justin began his final stage of higher education at Berklee College of Music; majoring in Guitar Performance. While completing his studies at Berklee, he still played in bands regularly; sharing bills with national touring acts such as Lynyrd Skynyrd, ZZ Top, Puddle of Mudd, Jackyl, and Styper, to name a few..



## Have you heard of this?

The *Glass Harmonica*: Also known as the glass armonica, glass harmonium, bowl organ, hydrocrystalophone, or simply the armonica or harmonica

Invented by Benjamin Franklin, this instrument uses the same principal as playing wine glasses but turns it on its side. A series of glass bowls rotates while the player simply touches the bowls with wet fingers to create the desired notes. Because of its unique design, multiple notes can be played at once creating some hauntingly beautiful sounds. It was quite popular in its day, in fact, some of the great composers such as Mozart and Beethoven arranged pieces to include the glass harmonica, but sadly its popularity has dwindled over time.



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Look what's happening in October.....

**Trunk-or-Treat**

**Date:** October 17, 2021

**Location:** Rivier University  
420 South Main St, Nashua, Nh 03060

**Time:** 1:00pm-3:00pm

Caring Students and faculty from Rivier will be decorating trunks for children and families to trick-or-treat out of! This event provides a safe and accessible way for families to trick-or-treat on Rivier University's campus! We hope to see many of you there.



## Trunk-or-Treat

**Date:** October 31, 2021

**Location:** GracePoint Church  
7 Stuart Rd, Chelmsford, MA 01824

**Time:** 4:00pm-6:00pm

Join us and bring the whole family!

- Games activities, candy collection, trunk competition, prizes and more!
  - 4pm-6pm
  - Food truck
- FREE EVENT**



# September/October Birthdays



Thomas S, a student of John's  
Anika V, a student of Laura's  
Shubh A, a student of Elizabeth's  
Judah D, a student of Dylan's  
Kaelyn M, a student of Filippo's  
Andrew Y, a student of Dylan's  
Veeksha S, a student of Olivia's

Gabriel R, a student of Peter's  
Shishi Q, a student of Dylan's  
Sophie K, a student of Marko's  
Christopher C, a student of Dylan's  
Mia G, a student of Laura's  
Veena S, a student of Olivia's  
Josh K, a student of Dylan's

Happy Birthday from Everyone at  
Music Elements

## Famous Musicians who also share Birthdays in October

- Eminem: October 17, 1972
- Katy Perry: October 25, 1984
- Snoop Dogg: October 20, 1971
- "Weird Al" Yankovic: October 23, 1959
- John Mayer: October 16, 1977
- Tommy Lee: October 3, 1962
- Tom Petty: October 20, 1950
- Brad Paisley: October 28, 1972
- David Lee Roth: October 10, 1954
- Vanilla Ice: October 31, 1967
- Nick Cannon: October 8, 1980





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Music Elements has T-shirts for sale! They can be purchased at the music school for \$15.00 each.



If you don't find your name in this month's newsletter, we will try to catch you next month. Be sure to share with your instructor about your activities.

**Happy Halloween!**

Anita, Dylan, John, Ambar, Peter, Aleah, Bill,  
Alex, Marko, Chris W, Justin, Elizabeth, Laura, Olivia and Mike

