



160 Turnpike Road, Chelmsford MA

# MUSIC ELEMENTS

October 2024

# performances

## *Student Performances*

Multiple students have just been cast in the upcoming musical at Wynn Middle School, *The Lightning Thief*! **Ian Milner**, one of our vocal students, will be playing Percy Jackson, in addition to **Max Rauseo**, another one of our vocal students, as Grover! Shows will take place at the **Wynn Middle School** (1 Griffin Way, Tewksbury, MA) on December 13 (5:00pm), 14 (5:00pm), and 15 (12:00pm).

*Synopsis:* Percy Jackson, the half-blood son of the Greek god Poseidon, becomes the prime suspect when Zeus's master lightning bolt is stolen! To prove his innocence-- and prevent a war-- he has to find and return the bolt. But Percy will have to do more than catch the thief. He must travel to the Underworld and back; solve the riddle of the Oracle, which warns him of betrayal by a friend; and come to terms with the father who abandoned him.



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**Derek Mahoney**, one of our vocal students, performed at the opening night of the **Billerica Town Meeting** on October 1st! He sung the national anthem with his chamber singing group at the Billerica Memorial High School. Congratulations Derek!



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## *Teacher Performances*

**Dan**, one of our drum instructors, has multiple performances this month:

**Roma Band** (Italian Band):

- **Senor de los Milagros Procession**, East Boston, MA (10/6, 1-5pm)
- **Lynn Raising of the Italian Flag**, Lynn, MA (10/10, 2:30-4:30pm)
- **Senor de los Milagros Procession**, Malden, MA (10/20, 2:00-4:30pm)

**Grooversity** (Brazilian Percussion Ensemble):

- **The New England Innocence Project**, Roxbury, MA (10/2, 2:00-3:15pm)
- **Kids with Disabilities Event**, O'Grady School, Beverly, MA (10/9)
  - as this is an exclusive school show, only students and staff members of the O'Grady School may attend!



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# events

## ***Happy Birthday!***

Greta Wicznski (1st), Anika Rosen (6th),

Vedansh Sharma (15th), Saung Naychi Mim

Aung (17th), Cameron Chiaradonna (21st),

Amariah Hines (25th), Veena and Veeksha

Murugan (25th), and Christopher Klein (30th)

***Thursday, October 31st*** - Music Elements will be closed on  
October 31st. Happy Halloween!

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# Teacher Shoutout

## ***Dan Hoffman***



This month's teacher shoutout goes to Dan, one of our drums and percussion teachers! Dan, a drummer, mallet player, and hand percussionist, is a very active performer in the New England area and has toured across America and Canada multiple times! Combining a passion for the underground arts, a proficiency in all styles of music, and a diverse set of knowledge about music history, Dan's musical skill covers a lot of ground. Dan has also worked extensively in production, working on a variety of different shows, such as the Warped Tour 2018, Taylor Swift, and Megadeath! Dan has also performed with and opened for artists such as Ray Green of Tower of Power and Lucinda Williams.



# recipe of the month

## *Pumpkin Whoopie Pies*

Pumpkin season is here, and what better way to celebrate it than by making these decadent pumpkin whoopie pies? These are a classic family recipe and for good reason: combining warm fall spices, pumpkin, and a layer of rich buttercream, these whoopie pies are the essence of Fall baking.



***See next page for directions!***

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# Ingredients:

*Yields approx. 12 whoopie pies*

- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 2 tbsp ground cinnamon
- 1 tbsp ground ginger
- 1 tbsp ground cloves
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 3 cups pumpkin puree, chilled
- 2 large eggs
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 2 cups firmly packed dark brown sugar

## Directions:

*For the cookies:*

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line two baking sheets with parchment paper or a nonstick baking mat; set aside.
2. In a large bowl, whisk together flour, baking powder, baking soda, and spices; set aside. In another large bowl, whisk together oil, pumpkin puree, eggs, and vanilla until well combined. Add brown sugar and whisk until combined. Sprinkle flour mixture over pumpkin mixture and whisk until fully incorporated.
3. Using a 1/4 cup ice cream scoop, drop dough onto prepared baking sheets, about 1 inch apart. Transfer to oven and bake until cookies are just starting to crack on top and a toothpick inserted into the center of each cookie comes out clean, about 15 minutes. Let cool completely on pan.

*For the filling:*

1. Sift confectioners' sugar into a medium bowl; set aside. In the bowl of an electric mixer fitted with the paddle attachment, beat butter until smooth. Add cream cheese and beat until well combined, then confectioners' sugar and vanilla until just smooth.

*Assembly:*

1. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper and set aside. Transfer filling to a disposable pastry bag-- or use a spoon!-- and pipe a large dollop of filling on the flat side of half of the cookies. Sandwich with the remaining cookies, lightly pressing down so that the filling spreads to the edge of the cookies. Transfer to prepared baking sheet and cover with plastic wrap. Enjoy!

## ***Oktoberfest Event***

Bring your family and friends to Oktoberfest at Good Pickin' Farm! Including multiple breweries, PYO pumpkins, pony rides, animal snuggles, hayrides, food, live music, and vendors, there will be something for everyone.

**Saturday, October 12, 3-7pm**, Good Pickin' Farm, Westford, MA

## ***Children's Halloween Party + Parade***

A fun fall festival with story times, face painting, and pumpkin painting!

**Saturday, October 26, 10am-2pm**, Chelmsford Center for the Arts, Chelmsford, MA

## ***Trick or Treating***

Most towns, including Chelmsford, will have trick or treating **6-8pm** this year!



# local activities + events

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# thanks for reading!

**Best wishes from our teachers and staff:** Aleah, Anita, Bill, Dan, Elizabeth, John, Joseph, Judie, Justin, Madison, Melissa, Navarre, Nicoletta, Norm, Peter, Raye, Regina, Samantha, Tinson, and Tyler!

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**“If you learn music, you’ll learn history. If you learn music, you’ll learn mathematics. If you learn music, you’ll learn most all there is to learn.”**

*Edgar Cayce reading 3053-3*



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