



Ellicott Mills *Music* MIDDLE SCHOOL

PATRON PROGRAM and PIE SALE



Welcome to the EMMS Music family!

All of us on the music staff are excited for the coming year and grateful for your support as we begin an incredible journey together, filled with learning, growing, and making music. With this in mind, there are a few areas where we could use support.

Our annual Patron Program gives individuals and local businesses the opportunity to support music at Ellicott Mills through donations at various levels. We appreciate the generosity that the community has provided in the past to help fund the purchase of instruments and equipment, supplemental music, folio cabinets, recording equipment, and additional program needs. These purchases have given us the flexibility to split our sectional classes - allowing for more differentiated instruction, creating balanced ensembles, and easing the burden of transporting large instruments to and from school. We could not have done this without your support.

New this year, we are adding a **Pie Sale Fundraiser**. Instructions for the pie sale are on the back of this letter.

Ellicott Mills is experiencing unprecedented growth in the music department. There are currently 600+ students in our music program; and incredibly, we expect that number to continue growing. This growth is a great "problem" to have. So, how can you help?

We need instruments! While we know that many of you have purchased instruments for your students to play (thank you!), there are students for whom this isn't possible, particularly for some of the larger instruments. These are typically provided by HCPSS, but we simply don't have enough to go around. (To be clear, EMMS and HCPSS have been awesome about providing funds for us. We are just growing faster than the funds can support!). **We need music!** Our choral library has not been well cared for over the last two decades. Mr. Dogas is searching out wonderful music to fill this library! **We need a music library system!** We are struggling with space and must work to maximize every inch of space we have here on the west wing. All in all, our purchase wish list is in excess of \$12,000.

Of course you are welcome to choose to participate in the Patron Program, the Pie Sale, or both! You may send in a donation of any amount by using the attached form, and we will acknowledge your donation in each of our concert programs throughout the year. Your direct donation will benefit students throughout the entire music program. The more support we have - both financially and through your volunteer efforts - the more opportunities our students will have to learn about music, perform for appreciative audiences and develop positive character traits.

Thank you in advance for your generous support!

Sincerely,
Your Music Team (Mr. Burns, Mr. Denne, Mr. Dogas, Mr. Fischer)



PIE SALE !!!!!!



The Pie Sale is here! We are partnering with Dessert Days to see if we can raise some of the much-needed funds for the music program. **Our goal is to sell 2400 pies** (this averages out to 4 pies per student). This fundraiser is fairly simple to run, so here is how it works:

1. Order Forms are included with this letter. You will have just under 3 weeks to accumulate as many orders as you can!
2. Please contact your family and friends, but please do not send students door-to-door to sell pies.
3. When you sell pies, please collect cash or checks made payable to you (we will ask you to submit one check for all orders made payable to EMMS).
4. Please write all information clearly on the order form. We will make extra copies of the order form and post it online so that you can print it out or get another copy when you fill up the first order form.
5. When it is time to turn in the form (October 9th), please add up all of the orders, double-check all of the information, and **write one check**, made payable to **EMMS**, and turn it in with the order form.
6. **Please do not turn in any cash!!!!**
7. We will have prizes for all students who sell more than 20 pies and prizes for the top sellers!!
8. Then we have to wait patiently for the delicious pies.
9. On **November 9th**, the pies will be delivered to EMMS. We will need some volunteers to put together all of the orders, and parents will need to pick up pie orders between **3:15 and 7 pm** on the 9th. We cannot send pies home on busses with students.
10. Finally, students deliver pies that were ordered to happy family members, and you have one less thing you have to think about making for thanksgiving dinner!!!

We will need volunteers to organize and separate the delivery on Nov. 9th. If you are



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**YES, I would like to support
the Ellicott Mills Middle School Music Department!**

Please accept my donation of:

- \$75 or more - Conductor's Level
- \$50 - Symphony Level
- \$25 - Concert Level
- Other - \$ _____
(Any amount is greatly appreciated!)

Student Name: _____

Donor Name: _____
(as it will appear in our Concert Programs)

- Please publish my name in the concert program
- Please make this an anonymous donation.

Phone: (____) _____

Email: _____

Make check payable to: *EMMS MUSIC*
*Include student name/ phone # in the memo line!!

Return To: Mr. Denne
ATTN: Music Donation
Ellicott Mills Middle School
4445 Montgomery Road
Ellicott City, Maryland 21043

- Please contact me for information about how I can donate time and energy as a Music Mania volunteer.

THANK YOU

for your

continued support!

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