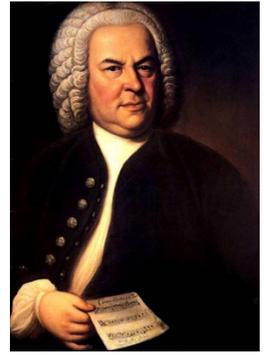


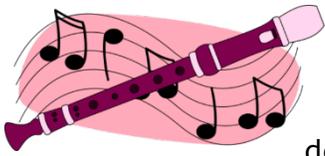
## WELCOME "BACH" TO MUSIC!

No, I didn't spell "Back" incorrectly, I'm using a play on words to welcome you to another year of music for your child/children. Yes, music has resumed and what fun we've had being together once again!



Our year started off with a discussion about "pitch", the characteristics of the piano, and, of course, a discussion about the famous composer, Johann Sebastian Bach. We also celebrated the birthday of our National Anthem whose lyrics were written by Francis Scott Key. On September 13, 1814, Key and his friend, Dr. Beanes were held captive on a British ship near Ft. McHenry in Maryland. As they watched the battle between the British and Americans, Key wrote the lyrics "and the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air, gave proof through the night that our flag was still there." By the dawn's early light, the American flag was waving in the breeze.

Our singers have retained so many songs from the past years. It is very important to me that our youngsters build a strong "oral tradition" – songs or poems they have memorized. If we do not develop their oral tradition, songs from our past will be lost.



Our fifth graders will receive their recorders in October. I like to be sure the students have a basic understanding of note values as well as rests. I've found it much easier to teach theory before students actually play. Once the foundation is established, we can devote more time to playing. Each student will receive a free recorder which they may keep. Be watching for additional information.

Interested 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to join our school choir. Choir will also begin in October. We will meet, after school, for an hour each week. There is no cost to join choir. We will perform at various times during the school year. You will be receiving additional information.



As the Director of this year's Patriotic Sing, held during Freedom Fest's 4<sup>th</sup> of July Events, I would like to thank those of you who had children in our chorus, helped with fundraising, and helped with our Parade float. We will begin rehearsals (5/29) for the 2018 Patriotic Sing!

**Save the Date! Saturday, November 11**     [morganhillveteransdayrun.com](http://morganhillveteransdayrun.com)



Morgan Hill will be celebrating Veteran's Day with a gathering at the Veteran's Memorial in downtown Morgan Hill. We begin at 9 a.m. After the tribute, the third annual Veteran's Day Run will begin on 1<sup>st</sup> Street. If you are interested, why not help your child learn the true meaning of Veteran's Day by spending a morning of tribute then running with those who serve? More information to follow!

Thanks to our Home and School Club for their continued support of our music curriculum. With a song in my heart, Karen Ann Crane

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