

Greetings Viking Families,

I hope this letter finds you all healthy and happy. I know it has been difficult navigating this pandemic with my own children and am wishing all of you strength as you deal with the big feelings and questions your children are presenting to you. I'm trying to take it one day at a time.

I miss seeing the kids already! I will continue to post updates and activities on the Viking Elementary General Music Page on Facebook. Please post pictures of the students having fun with music on this page as you see fit! [Viking Elementary General Music Page](#)

If you are avoiding Facebook or uncomfortable posting pictures on the site please feel free to email me pictures or questions at [walbet@holmen.k12.wi.us](mailto:walbet@holmen.k12.wi.us) I will do my best to help you keep music in your child's life.

I am going to attempt to post some lessons on YouTube for the students. I am not an aspiring YouTuber and am pretty "low tech", but I thought it might be fun for the kids to participate in a virtual music class. My goal is to have a lesson out tomorrow. Here is a link to [Mrs. Waldron's Elementary Music Channel](#)

We recently adopted a new music curriculum. They have graciously opened up more resources on their online site for students to utilize while they are at home. [Musicplayonline.com](http://Musicplayonline.com) is the website. The Login is: snow Password: 2020 Again if the students participate in any activities I would love to see them!

Here are a few more online resources I find fun and educational...

[www.themusicinteractive.com](http://www.themusicinteractive.com) has some fun apps. I use StaffWars at school to help 3-5 grade students practice the names of the lines and spaces of the staff.

[www.classicsforkids.com](http://www.classicsforkids.com) is a great site for listening activities and games for all ages.

[www.makingmusicfun.net](http://www.makingmusicfun.net) has some paid services, but some great free worksheets and activities such as this orchestra scavenger hunt worksheet for 2-5 grade students.

[Orchestra Scavenger Hunt Worksheet](#) There are resources for PK-5

[Gonoodle.com](http://Gonoodle.com) is so much fun! Lots of activities for music, mindfulness, and exercise for Pk-5th Grade. Create a free account and have fun!

[www.incredibox.com](http://www.incredibox.com) is a free web-based music mixing game. The app costs \$3.99.

[Drumbit.app](#) is a free online drum pad app. Fun to make different beats to dance to.

[www.metopera.org](http://www.metopera.org) is offering free streaming of their operas. Please be advised not all are suitable for young children.

Here are links to some playlists I created on YouTube with fun, inspirational songs and videos.

[Fun Friday Playlist](#)

[Orff Instrument Playlist](#)  
[Fifth Grade Concert Songs](#)  
[Orchestral Instrument Videos](#)  
[Mindfulness Videos/Yoga](#)

And of course...just listen to music. Have a dance party in your living room to all different types of music. Go for walks and listen to the music in nature. Find the steady beat in everyday sounds. Sing! (even if you think you're "no good") Add sound effects to books! Dig out that old guitar you've been meaning to play. [Make an instrument](#). Give your kids at least [8 Hugs a Day](#) and please let the kids know that I miss them and to spread kindness and peace wherever they go. (even if it's just at home)

Sincerely,  
Beth Waldron