

Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District  
**ELEMENTARY MUSIC NEWSLETTER**

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## WORKSHOPS

### **Choral Connections: Incorporating Kodály Strategies to Develop Your Choir's Musicianship**

*Sponsored by the Kodály Institute of Houston  
and Bank of America*

Instructor: Lynnel Joy Jenkins

Fee: \$50 before Jan. 16/\$60 after Jan. 16

(fee includes music packet)

Date: Sat., January 24, 2009 (9 a.m. – 4 p.m.)

Phone: 713.743.3398; Fax: 713.743.3166

Continuing Education Credits: 6 clock hours

This workshop will present Kodály strategies and choral techniques to develop and strengthen your elementary, middle, and high school choirs.

### **Gulf Coast Orff Association**

January 17, 2009 (9 a.m. – 4 p.m.)

Deborah A. Imiolo-Schraver

Band Hall, Moores School of Music, UofH

(Find registration form at:

<http://www.gulfcoastorff.org/gcoamembership08-09.pdf>)

### **MUSIC MEMORY 2009**

May 21, 2009 (5 p.m. – 7 p.m.)

Berry Center



**Watch your email for information on  
future district music workshops!**

## TECHNOLOGY

### **New Computers in Elementary Music!**

Although this has been a slow process, it is exciting to have the new technology in music classrooms. If you do not have at least (3) new student computers and (1) new teacher computer, please notify Loretta Bourn or Mary Torian as soon as possible. (The laptop schools are still awaiting delivery of the 3 new student computers. It is my understanding that these were the last computers ordered for the elementary music department. Please continue to use the existing laptops until the new desktops are delivered.)

Additionally, every music classroom should have easy access to use of a SmartBoard.

Pictures of the complete set-up are included on the last page of the newsletter. (The pictures do not include the SmartBoard and projector.)

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## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MUSIC TEACHERS

Tory Randle of Duryea

Anita Hillis of McFee

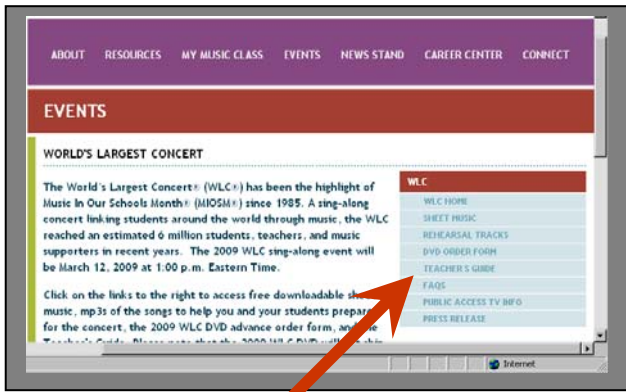
Andrew McGee of M. Robinson

Kristen Huskey of Sheridan

Welcome back Debra Wells to Francone music!



## MENC: The National Association for Music Education

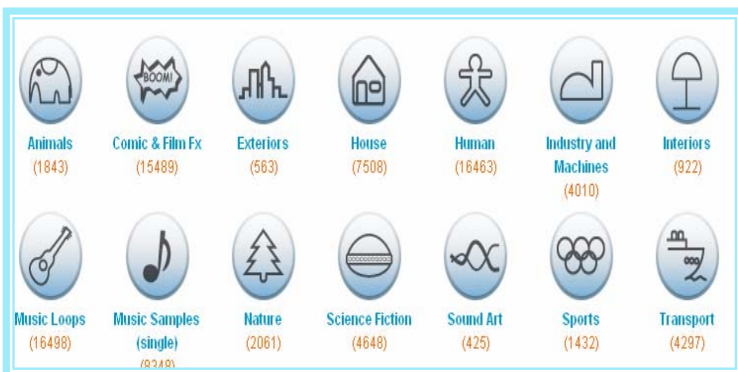


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Access the World's Largest Concert at <http://www.menc.org/events/view/world-s-largest-concert>



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Marcus Johnson, music teacher at Metcalf Elementary, was a \$25,000 winner on a recent episode of "Don't Forget the Lyrics." He sailed through several questions "without missing a beat!" He was stumped when he went for the song at the \$350,000 level. (I would have been no help to him. I had never heard the song!)

Marcus did not disappoint as an entertainer. He was quite the performer with his great singing voice, his dance moves, and his original rap written specifically for the show! Marcus was the only contestant for the episode that aired on Friday, November 14, 2008. Well done, Marcus!

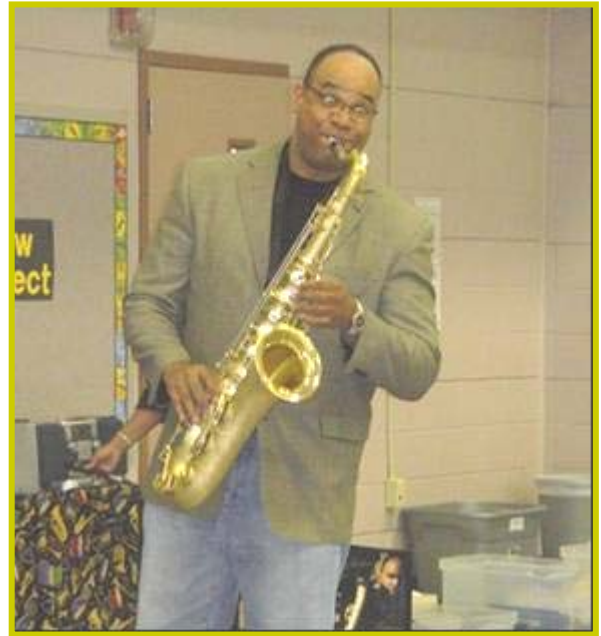


## Jazz Artists visit Walker Elementary

On Friday, October 31, jazz artist Eldredge Jackson and his brother, Don Jackson, visited Walker Elementary. Yoli Leger created a play-along map to accompany



“Listening Pleasure,” a song on El Jack’s latest release. The saxophonist was in town for a performance but took time to visit the fifth grade students at Walker. Mr. Jackson seemed to greatly enjoy the students’ performance of the rhythmic accompaniment to his song. He performed for the students and answered questions from the audience. This was a great experience and opportunity for the Walker fifth graders.



On the saxophone

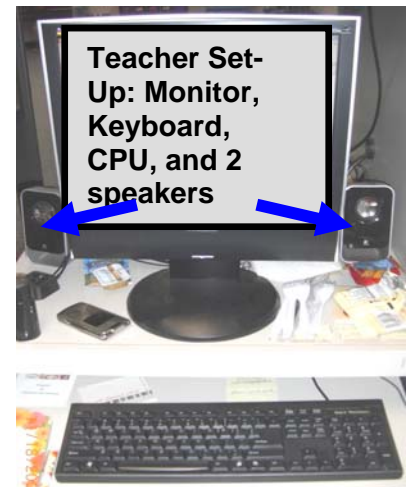


Logitech Speaker

Teacher Computer Set-Up for Music



Volume Control for Speakers



Teacher Set-Up: Monitor, Keyboard, CPU, and 2 speakers



4 Student Computers