

Exciting things are happening in the performing arts at Slavens!



Because of your generous contributions to FOSS, Ms. Barnett is able to teach music and musical theater full time to Slavens students.

“I am thrilled to be working at Slavens full time this year! The opportunity to teach a new subject is such a treat. K-5 will have a combination of music classes and musical theater classes all year long. This is new for us, and a great way to ensure a continuing performing arts education for our students. I plan on teaching both music lessons and theater lessons to each class of kids, regardless of the grade level.

The performances I have planned will also be a combination of music concerts and musicals that include singing, dancing and acting. You can look forward to performances that are similar to our shows in the past like *Snow White*, *Bugz!* and *School House*. I chose a musical called *Go West* for the fifth graders that will hopefully tie into their trip to Balarat and their study of Colorado state history.

Middle School classes will be divided according to area of study. Sixth grade music students are working on a combination of guitar study, singing, and other instruments, while the theater class has been reading through a retelling of the Beowulf story. Middle School choir has already begun preparing for its first concerts, as well as for the Citywide Honor Choir auditions.

It's going to be an exciting year. I look forward to our performances and I hope you do too!”



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