

Music Educational Excellence Grants



NISHUANE SCHOOL

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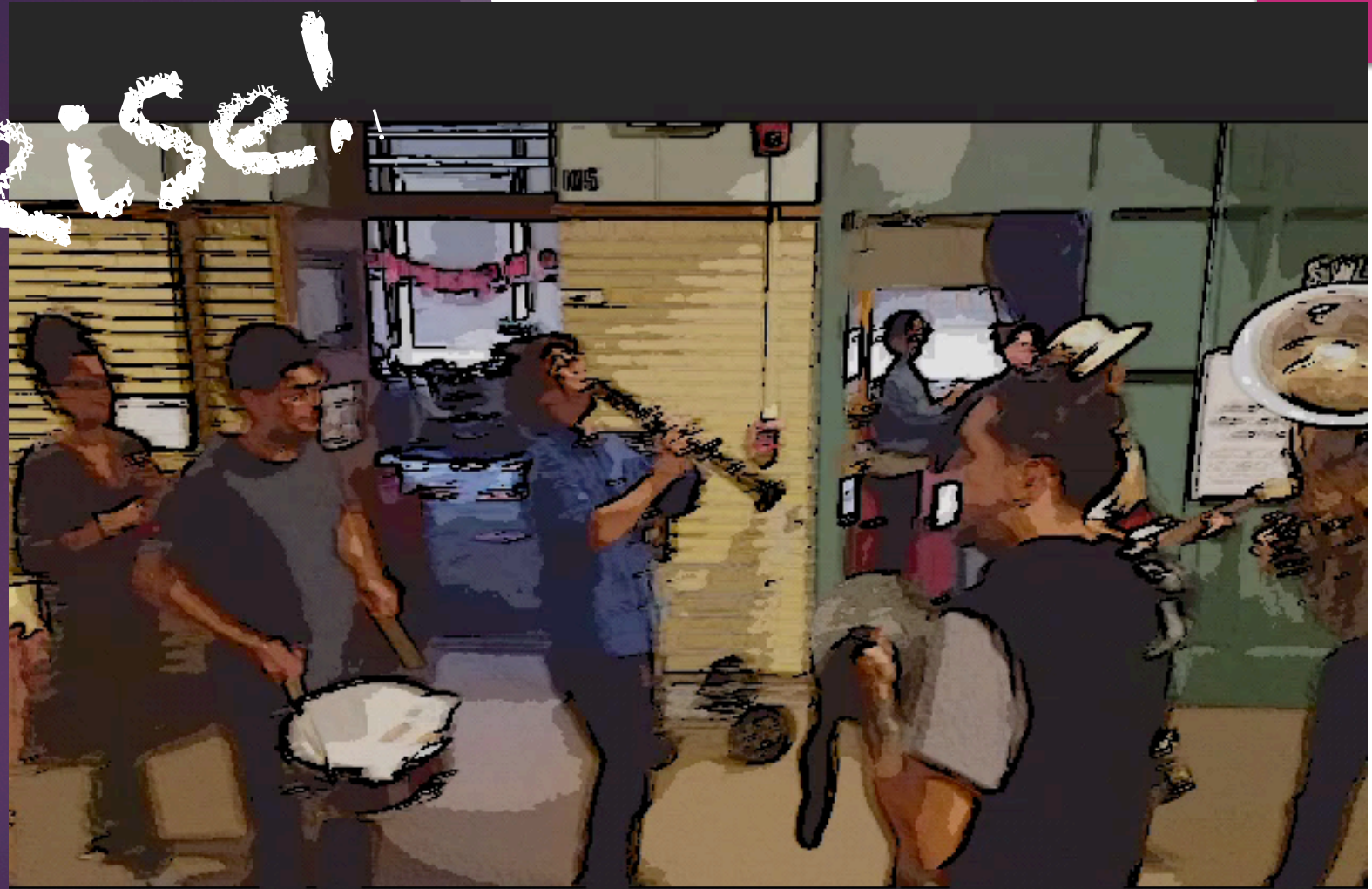
How It All Began...

- ▶ Dr. Patricia Abad, a current parent of Nishuane School, came to me last year with a grant proposal to have students exposed to a Culturally Diverse Musical Experience and Music Instrument Making Workshop.
- ▶ Through the generosity of the MFEE we were granted both proposals!
- ▶ The proposals worked hand-in-hand with each other.
- ▶ Part 1 of the Proposal involved "The Cumbia River Band" and exposing our children and their families to music from Columbia in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month and the instruments that are commonly utilized in "Cumbia" Music.
- ▶ Part 2 incorporated some of those instruments in a Music Making Workshop using recyclable items found in everyday life, sending the message to our children that music can be made from both traditional and no-traditional instruments.

“The Cumbia River Band”

- ▶ On Friday, September 28th, 2018 the children at Nishuane were delightfully interrupted by a group of musicians playing throughout the hallways during their 7th period classes.
- ▶ The children were guided by 5 talented musicians of the “Cumbia River Band”: an accordion player, a tuba player, a clarinetist, a guitarist, and a drummer, as they played their instruments throughout the school and into the auditorium.
- ▶ The children and family who came to the presentation discovered music from Columbia, “Cumbia” music, learned how to dance to their music, and finally were introduced to various instruments most popularly used in Cumbia music.

surprise!



“The Cummbia River Band”

- ▶ In addition students were able to partake in many call and response music activities and echoing songs throughout the presentation, which really got them into the feel of this culture and their music.
- ▶ At the end of the presentation the lead musician of the group introduced the students to a “recycled” instrument drum set, and played it for them; explaining that musical instruments can come in many forms and from many different ordinary materials. Most of which you can find at home.



STUDENTS LEARNED TO DANCE CUMBIA



Instrument Making Workshop

- ▶ On October 18, 2018 with the help of Dr. Abad, Chris Naprierala, a former parent of Nishuane school, and the 2nd grant from MFEE, we were able to host our very first “Recycled Instrument Making Workshop” with the help of our parent volunteers at Nishuane.
- ▶ Throughout the month of September and October we had our families donate all kind of recycled materials, from cereal boxes to water bottle caps, to clean used chopsticks!
- ▶ After a month of collecting all of these materials, we had 149 students and their families come to the auditorium and with the help of two musicians and parent volunteers, the children learned how to make “guitars,” “flutes,” “drums,” “Rain Sticks” and “tambourines.”
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Recycled Instrument Making Workshop

- ▶ At the end of the workshop the students performed on the stage while their families watched in the audience, with the help of our two guest musicians and myself accompanying the students as they stole the show with their instruments and music making!
- ▶ These two workshops tied in very nicely with the lessons I had been teaching my 2nd graders in class about Salsa music and the instruments that are commonly used.
- ▶ This also helped with my K and 1 classes as we learned about echoes and music from Mexico during the month of October in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month.
- ▶ Children were able to connect what we had been learning in class to these 2 wonderful events that could not have been possible if not for the MFEЕ grants!

Instrument Making Workshop

*Cris Napierala
Instrument Tutorial*



Students Performing



*Students Making
Instruments*



Recycled Instrument Making





Thank You
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