

## ♪ Musical Notes ♪

March 2023

What's happening in the music room?

- ❖ Kindergarten through fifth are starting to work on music for the spring concert. Save the date – Friday, March 12!
- ❖ Fourth grade is starting to learn how to play recorders.
- ❖ Middle school is reviewing pitch names and working on analyzing written music.

### Composer-of-the-Month



**Ludwig van Beethoven**

- Lived 1770 - 1827
- Nationality – German
- Style/Period – Classical/Romantic

Ludwig van Beethoven's father was his first music teacher. While still only a boy, Ludwig became a traveling performer, and soon, he was supporting his family. In his early twenties, Beethoven moved to Vienna, where he spent the rest of his life.

Beethoven was a brilliant pianist, but somewhere in his 20s or 30s, he began to lose his hearing. He had to give up performing, but he still continued composing. He composed many of his most famous musical works, such as his Ninth Symphony, after he had become totally deaf.

He is remembered as a musical bridge between the Classical and Romantic periods in music and continues to be one of the most famous and influential composers of all time.

Listening suggestions:

- Fur Elise*
- Moonlight Sonata*
- Symphony No. 5, 1<sup>st</sup> Movement*
- Symphony No. 9, 4<sup>th</sup> Movement (Ode to Joy)*