

# MUSIC OLYMPICS-5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE YEAR LONG PROGRAM

In fifth grade, we have a brand new theme “Music Olympics”, which lasts all year. I have divided the fifth grade classes into four countries each, and they compete across the grade level. Everything they do earns points, from music assignments in class to helping out in other areas in the school. There is also a list of challenges they can do for *extra* points. Some examples are:

- Go to a high school football game and get an autograph from a specific band member or the band director (before halftime).
- Watch a musical with family members. Everyone who watched has to sign and answer a few easy questions, mostly opinion based. If the activity is a live performance such as a musical, ballet, or opera then a copy of the program is required.
- Present facts orally, about your Olympic country
- Share a song from your Olympic country
- Share a song from the country of your heritage
- Compose, notate, and perform a piece for recorder or piano
- Find an adult who works in the school building who has a connection to your Olympic country.
- The Meijer Gardens’ Christmas Tree display (also need a ticket stub or brochure)
- Any Mill Creek or High School Concert Band, Jazz Band, and Choir performances (I will provide schedules with performance dates)
- I will also be keeping track of SPOTS and if I “catch” someone being kind I will award points.

*I will keep track and post points for the students for them to see every two weeks.*

The effort that is being made in this activity is to provide group collaboration, which is essential to all musical groups. **The students will need your help as parents to contribute to their great effort by**

**helping them succeed in this year long project. I thank you in advance for your efforts!**

Sincerely,  
Miss Jeanette Emmel  
Music Teacher