

Practical Lessons and Activities for a Post-COVID Music Class

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"NAfME has put out a unified statement:

<https://nafme.org/nafme-joins-52-other-national-organizations-support-arts-education-as-essential/>"

"Is it official - we aren't able to sing in the fall? Is singing really more dangerous than talking in the elementary classroom?"

"I hadn't heard that it was official that we can't sing in the fall - have we heard that?"

"Wow this is too exciting compared to the millions of other meetings I have been to!!"

"I am so looking forward to this!"

"I feel like a little kid waiting for the Christmas gift!"

"You'll do great Denise you always do"

"Hello from Moab, UT. This is the first zoom I've looked forward to in weeks :-)"

"Hello from Vancouver Island, Canada...back to school WITH KIDS on Monday!!!"

"I'll be my school's music teacher next year. So exciting!"

"Thank you so much! You are amazing!"

"You are awesome, Denise!"

"I have that poster collection and say that all the time! "

"Love it !! :)"

"Catchy song! "

"Yay!! I'm smiling already!! :) :)"

"How do you do that 500 + students?"

"I am with you Barbara... I don't see any reasonable expectation of my district paying for individual items for our almost 5,000 elementary kids."

"Oooo virtual field trips!"

"I love MIM!!"

"Yay, I love MIM in Arizona!! Awesome videos."

"I am not feeling super keen in interacting with 250 different humans a day. "

"Yes! I love the MIM. If you are ever in Phoenix, AZ you should go!"

"Hi from Toronto. Thank you Denise for being so supportive and practical. Incredibly grateful for your MusicPlay access for everybody."

"Kits for each of our 460 children? "

"I've got 530 I see in a week, no way I can figure out that many kits haha"

"Denise - That is one of the options here in Greenville, SC the AB model, virtual on Friday"

"We are starting the A/B model on Monday in British Columbia!"

"I have around 700 students..."

"I teach around 600 Ss K-5"

"This is so nice of you, Denise. Thank you! "

" Hi Denise! Your curriculum rocks!"

"This is wonderful, thank you for offering this!"

"We don't have enough instruments to have each child get their own set."

"Have I been saying claves wrong my whole life? klah-vays?"

"I guess her district paid for the instrument kits for everyone?"

"is there a way to get cost effective individual instruments without going homemade?"

"I wish I had enough for each child to have a set!"

"I have enough variety where I can get an instrument for about 60 students....in a school of about 500"

"Brits have a different pronunciation :0"

"They said it would be"

"I would guess, Barbara...that's a chunk of change for 700+ kiddos"

"Recorders?"

"We have 1200 in our building. No way we can have individual instrument kits. "

"I'm planning to have kids make their own instrument kits with recycled materials (paper towel rolls, plastic eggs, cut up pool noodle [rubbed together])"

"They can make their own shakers. Dollar store eggs with rice"

"It's a Spanish word so clah-ves is correct"

"What was in that instrument bag?"

"Where does Felicity teach? UK?"

"Pool noodle rhythm sticks rock!"

"did anyone catch her email?"

"she made it like a goodie bag for music! that's lovely"

"Finally, 20 years on a cart pays off!"

"claves, shaker, scarves, and one more item (like a triangle)"

"I wish I had the budget to purchase the individual instruments. I have \$2 per child per year and 1/3 of the instruments of traditional classrooms."

"Music Play online makes EVERYTHING easier!"

"wow"

"I asked my principal about looking into purchasing things for individual music kits and was told to wait until we know more. I have 1,100 kids. I don't even know where I could store all of those kits."

"It would be hard to have a kit for every student, but I could do it in rotation...a few classes have instruments kits, a few classes do movement or composer studies, then switch in a few weeks."

"Felicity can be reached on facebook groups, like Elementary Music Teachers and Music Teachers online"

"good idea sherri"

"I've always taught on a cart - it can work! MusicPlayOnline definitely helps! I just bring my laptop with me and have the music ready to go! :)"

"great idea! flipped classroom!"

"Love that idea Sherri!"

"Love the FLIP idea."

"i will print paper recorders and ukuleles for my kids! :) "

"Thank you Denise- I will need to watch it later. This is too painful with my connection issue. Thanks for offering this webinar and expertise!"

"cart sounds awful, no real barred instruments, that they love"

"did anyone get what Felicity shared after having class sizes reduced to 30 minutes not being a big deal? She said something important and I can't remember! "

"video editing 400+ kids.....umm no sorry"

"She said they went from 45 to 40 minutes"

"She said it was no big deal because the materials were in a bag and already at the students desks."

"Do you anticipate having the website remain "open" (no log in required) with access to the song movies next year?"

"It wasn't a big deal because they already have everything in individual packets so they gain time because they don't need to take time to pass out"

"Why recorders OK but not singing? "

"no soapy waters for our barred instruments! Thank you Denise for pointing that out! "

"Hi all. I think it's a good idea to keep our negative comments to ourselves. This is a time to be informed, we're all in this together."

"I love all these ideas, but where do we get the \$\$ to do all this???"

"recorders have less forceful breathing"

"alcohol is impossible to find"

"agreed!"

"Sending air through an instrument slows down the air because it meets more resistance"

" And right after she said it was no big deal because they have the stuff, she said something else important.... I might just have to rewatch it!"

"@Magdalena She said that because she had the instrument kits for her K2 students, it made the shift easier so going from 40 down to 30 mins wasn't a big difference. (I think that's what she mentioned)"

"What about hand bells?"

"Don't have a budget/money to buy sets of instruments for every child."

I watched a Youtube Webinar yesterday...NATS and other choral institutions in the US are funding a study starting in June to scientifically analyze the risk of singing.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IhXpCQIpE3M>"

"that was to give them time to clean everything in between"

"I have 745 students in 32 homerooms and zero budget. We'll be relying on body percussion."

"I have 700 students. How do I do that???!"

"What if we see our kids every other week?"

"Yes, DIY Kit!"

"15000"

"check out Nycos channel on Youtube for Body Percussion game ideas. There's singing in the videos."

"Chopsticks, heavy duty plates, Easter egg homemade shackers"

"In addition to general music, I do 5th grade beginning band... I'm wondering if that's going to be possible at all next year."

"A make at home instrum. project for their own kits"

"i have 650 kids!"

"Sharon I am thinking I would just rotate my lesson where I could make classroom kits for each class I see in a day and then clean everything at night "

"=) Dowels - I use them for bucket drums too! =)"

"Kaboom Percussion for body percussion too!"

"Lesson 1...kids can make their own kit :)"

"I've used pool noodles in substitution for sand blocks for years and I LOVE them."

"yes!"

"Yes"

"Agree"

"Maybe ask for kit - wish list for students to bring - where possible"

"plastic cups with ridges can double as a guiro"

"you can't pass the cups!"

"Great idea!"

"Great idea!"

"Love the cup idea. Set up perimeters for parents: one shaker, one 'drum', chopsticks..."

"I use those chopsticks. They work well."

"I love chopsticks!!! I have tons!!!!"

"will we be allowed to hum?"

"Where did you get your chopsticks, Denise?"

"I use chopsticks to stand behind chairs and drum. 3 sounds, top, sides and metal legs."

"I see kids 2 days a week for 9 weeks, then change with art. It's dreadful, but maybe we need to think outside the box for next year. What if you saw the same classes every day for a week, then switched?"

"Home Depot/Lowes sells long dowels and will cut them in store for you."

"You could seek out a business to sponsor parts of the instruments and they could get some advertising in exchange."

"She gave a link for amazon, in slides"

"mix popcorn and shell pasta for a nice sound in egg shakers"

"Has anyone ever tried to glue the homemade egg shakers them shut?"

" We need to think of what we CAN do and give our admin solutions! We do NOT want our admin deciding for us. Have a plan of action showing them what you CAN do! We can do so much!"

"I just use electrical tape to close the eggs"

"I've used hot glue on homemade egg shakers"

"I have glued them shut with a dab of superglue. Works great!"

"I use masking tape to close the eggs and let the students color the tape"

"I made shakers with K, we taped them then paper matched them. They did not try to take them apart because they made them!"

"Exactly!!!!!!"

"while they don't sound as nice...I have used the recorder cleaning rods for chopsticks. just because we already have them..."

"Better than sandpaper blocks."

"That is exactly right! Be pro-active and positive ;-)"

"Pool Noodle Scrapers... Such a great idea!"

"good idea hollie"

"Does the pool scrapers shed?"

"Love those!"

"Do the pool noodles make a mess when used as that way?"

"Loving these ideas :)"

"I love the pool noodle idea!"

"those are awesome"

"Those seem great!!!"

"Great DIY ideas! "

"They do not make a mess"

"you can still do short singing sessions in the class but with masks on"

"Thanks Dixie"

"bwhahahahaha!!!"

"How long are they?"

"Great ideas - students remain seated, even K-2? "

"Isn't it amazing. They don't really make a mess at all. I know. Surprising! "

"buying pool noodles tomorrow! watch out!!!"

"I cut my pool noodles approximately 5-6" long?"

"Wondering about cleaning the pool noodles if we are switching out instruments from the kits after a period of time?"

"Mine are about 4 inches. I didn't measure, I just whacked them with the big knife!"

"If the kits are in ziploc bag, do you need to clean them before you put them away or do you get the kids to take them to their classes?"

"singing along!!!"

"Love that one!!"

"Love the 7!"

"Nice."

"7/4!"

"She said that when you arrive at the class, the instrument packs would already be on the desks."

"<3!"

"7/4 genius!"

"What would you use to cut the pool noodles? Just an exacto knife?"

"serrated knife"

"Electric knife works great!"

"Thanks"

"Paula, some sweet soul left 70 pool noodles on my porch! I'm trying to decide what to do! So many possibilities!"

"Love this Let's Play in 7/4"

"So do we need more speaking songs? Good ideas."

"bread knife or Denise said exacto knife"

"One of my favorite things to do is something I learned in college, which is doing rhythms by touching parts of the body for each type of note. This can be done with or without sound and prevents the students from having to touch any instruments."

"I bet an electric knife would work really well"

"electric knife. or a bunch at a time if you know someone with a bandsaw."

"7/4 idea is wonderful!!!"

"You can get 1/2 inch pipe insulation at the hardware store that's similar to pool noodles. I cut with scissors. Possibly less expensive."

"@Joyce, since pool noodles can go in pool, I would think they could be put in a bleach solution."

"My K's LOVE this one!"

"I always do these songs with my pre K, they love it. "

"Exacto would be too small. I used my broadest, biggest knife for the pool noodles."

"My Ks love this as well. "

Denise Gagne - "Pool noodles don't make any mess. I really like them."

"thank you. will have to teach soon. 8:30 in the morning here in Singapore :)"

"Thanks Denise!"

"I'm always amazed how my Ks ALL stop and actually freeze"

"This is a fun activity, my Ks will love this."

"I just cut them with a butter knife or a steak knife. So simple"

"Denise you never disapoint"

"So much fun!!!"

"How many scrapers can you make with one pool noodle?"

"Such a cute song!"

"My kids love that one! "

"K loves it and even Pre K and 3's"

"Very creative and fun!"

"Yes, love the pool noodle sandblocks"

"Denise, What program did you use to record your webinar?"

"Mouse pads make wonderful sound dampeners for rhythm sticks/drumsticks as well."

"1 pool noodle probably makes 10 sets"

"My PreK and K love Play and Stop"

"Kids love this one"

"My PK kids find Play and Play and Stop soooo funny!"

"I use rubber sit spots for bucket drum dampeners."

"My autism classes like this one!"

"Do you sand the dowel sticks?"

"We need more songs like this one - and freeze dance - without the dance"

Denise Gagne - "If you let the pool noodles sit for a long enough time you wouldn't have to disinfect. Follow the guidelines, but I think that on that kind of surface, 4-5 days would be good. So collect, and don't redistribute for a week."

"My SpEd kids love Play and Stop"

"My music therapy kids love this one! "

"Yes, sand the dowel sticks."

"All my online classes have loved this song using items from their homes!"

"You might be able to get the Lowes worker to cut them to length for you, too."

"You could have at their seat movements for this. Touch your toes, twist, tap your head, march on the spot, tiptoe on spot, etc."

Denise Gagne - "Kids will keep the instrument kits all the time. They'll keep them in their classroom tubs and bring to music class if they are coming to the music room."

"So each student has a baggie of instruments but they are all in one tub? Or they are kept at their desk? "

"Pool noodles are 55" long from dollar tree. My Husband just measured them. If you cut 4", you could get 13 for \$1."

"I LOVE that!"

"Keep student kits at desk"

"Yes!"

"How many of us have gained weight simply because we aren't moving to Music seven hours a day ? Hahahaha"

"Depending on length of noodle, I believe I was able to make 12-14 4 inch scrapers out of each noodle. Littles could use 3 inch scrapers."

"I love the idea of Instrument kits...reminds me of my Elem Music Classes in the 19... hahahahahaha!"

"The Quebec schools near us (ottawa), the kids are to have everything they own in a tub under their desk. No sharing. They went back to school last week. No sharing, no bringing stuff from home."

Denise Gagne - "Mouse pads are great for your big kids. A less expensive option might be the foam sheets you can buy at Dollar tree. I often put them on top of buckets to damp the sound."

"Time to make Kidsticks cans for all!"

"Can students use Mallets if sterilized after each student?"

"yall are the best ! i can't wait to share with my principal"

"Good thinking, Denise! I always appreciate your thoughts on budget!"

"This is so good!"

"Do we have to have a subscription to access all of this material?"

"I love the idea of kits! Even without a pandemic I think I will adopt this!"

"Would the mouse pads on buckets feel like the practice drum pads? "

"The website - will it continue to be free ?"

"I get the yoga mats from Five Below to make drum mats. Just cut them into circles the size of the bucket's diameter."

"YES!!!! Kidstix cans is a great idea!"

"The at home music box was their favorite music lesson. Mine too"

"Great covid ideas, need covid units but I bet Denise is already planning that, 'cause she is that great! "

"normally yes. It is currently free, but the subscription is VERY inexpensive. Quite the bargain!"

Denise Gagne - "Mallets could be used if disinfected according to guidelines."

"It says the website will not be free starting July"

"Do you glue the foam/mats onto the bucket tops?"

"No, I didn't."

"Mousepads on buckets are pretty close to a drumpad feel; be mindful of raised ridges; I usually just use them on the floor with drumsticks"

"Oatmeal can with a lid. Everything will fit in that."

"KidsStix - great minds! Kids could also do these at home with "found sounds""

"Best money every spent "

"egg shakers to lk5"

"Oooo oatmeal cans....even cheaper!"

"I think I have my first few lesson ideas now! Make Kidstix cans, make instruments"

"totally worth the value of the subscription! Thank you so much for all the free content right now. But I'm glad you'll be charging again so that you can make some money from your hard work! You deserve it and it deserves to be valed."

Denise Gagne - "The website will be closed to non-subscribers in July. (not sure of date yet). But it's still cheap - \$149.95 year - AND your students will have access to it. We don't charge a per student fee."

"How do we know which listening examples have the rhythm notation play along?"

"so lots of classical listening can be done, play along drum songs "

"someone posted a kit on FB today that used an empty wipes container to hold a variety of instruments and the container is a drum"

"I remember learning that on piano as a child."

"how many sets can you get out of one pool noodle"

"Love this!"

"on the site the "play along" ones have the notation"

"MPO is so affordable. I pay for it myself due to working in 2 non related schools and truly it is such a bargain for everything you get. thanks for making it so accessible Denise!"

"My Grades 6-8 usually get their Band instruments in the fall...I've been trying to put up a case for getting proper drumpads and sticks, as it will be an "authentic" experience for them."

"Musicplay is the very best money our district has ever spent. So worth it!!"

"13 if they are 4"."

"there is a great of Yo Ma and Bobby McFerrin doing the Musette as a duet"

"Better yet, join Artie and Denises Symposium and get the subscription free."

"I use Drumfit for many of these rhythm play alongs!"

"Oooo I didn't know there were play alongs for the older students in musicplay! Cool!"

"I do this playalong !"

"If we join the event in July, is the subscription included for that \$175?"

"I can't wait for Artie and Denise's Symposium!"

"The Musicplay bucket drumming book and CD is great for this kind of stuff"

"I remember that duet. I even have it on cassette tape. hahaha"

"I agree the subscription is the best money I have ever spent!"

"LOVING THEM!!"

"Ok, thank you for clarifying."

Artie Almeida - "Yes! So many hours of lessons! So sorry we won't be live this year, but there is going to be LOTS of great lesson ideas!"

Denise Gagne - "There are lots of Playalong examples in the Listening section - and we're doing a renovation to the Listening section soon! Just scroll through each grade, and look for "Playalong""

"If the teacher has a Music play subscription, can children access these materials at home?"

"Music play has everything except beginning instrument methods"

"would you ever consider having a beat ball bounce on the screen for these? Especially if we are online teaching this would be a life saver since we can not be there in person to help or laser point, etc.."

"I love this idea! Im creating bags for my K-2 this week!"

"I'm signed up for the summer symposium too. Can't wait!"

"I pay for MusicPlay out of my own pocket - there is no money for music in my system. We're lucky to have music teachers. It's very much worth the money. It is so inexpensive when you think of how much you are getting for the money."

"I am so excited for the Symposium!!! It is going to be FABULOUS!!!!"

"So excited to see you both in July - Artie. "

"could we ask parents to provide the kids a beat buddy for their child's bag?"

Denise Gagne - "Yes - if you come to Artie and Denise, for USA/International the conference is \$100 and you can add on a year's subscription for \$75. It's a deal!"

"Tami, I know. I've been following Musicplay for 18 years!!! Love what she does...really hoping she has the time to do something for beginning band....unless someone here knows of someone doing anything similar for band?"

"It's an awesome deal!!!"

"Check the Kodaly website for band"

"Beat buddies great idea"

"I 2nd the idea of a bouncing ball available for the play alongs. If we are zooming, it is hard to give the visual for all to see."

"what are beat buddies"

"What about having bean bags in the individual kits and the kids could draw a buddy face on their own?"

"The picture from christmas cookies looks like the covid virus! LOL"

"do you have a list of questions/answers to start the post covid music classroom discussion with administrators? My admins have been so busy with other concerns, that they haven't given any thought to my knowledge about what is possible. I would like to be prepared for that"

"cute!"

"beat buddies are beanie baby stuffed critters used to feel the steady beat"

"July dates?"

"Sheri Kittay, you could probably get some sort of Custom Cursor that would allow you to have a bouncing ball on the screen. The only issue might be latency."

"is the symposium open to canada?"

"thrift stores im sure have so many beat buddies!!!"

"July 21-23"

"Love that you are budget conscious Denise!"

"yes or dollar stores..."

"You can search the dese.mo.gov site, and there are recommendations there that have music teachers' input."

"The symposium is open to Canada too! Of course! It's different pricing. \$100 for conference in Cdn\$ and 3 free months."

"Yes, more craft type music activities. Lots of Music stories too on Musicplay, draw along to the music story. "

"I'm fairly new to elementary music: what's a beat buddy?"

"email home and teachers for beat buddy donations-everyone has a small stuffed animal they would love to donate and get out of the toy box"

"I find that in thrift stores, if I tell them I am a teacher buying for my classroom they ALWAYS either give me a discount, throw in some extras for free, or just give me everything for free. "

"beanie babies are beat buddies"

"is this still pre-K?"

"Beat buddy is stuffy animal keep time with"

"beat buddies are little stuffed animals that kids use to keep the beat"

"kids could bring in a small stuffy"

"Beat Buddy= ting beanie baby stuffed animal toy to bounce to the steady beat for songs"

"My Admin does not wish to speculate about re-opening in Fall until we are given directions from our Board however I would rather start envisioning & planning so I can prepare "

"It's a stuffed animal that you can sing to, use to keep the beat, rock to a lullaby, etc."

Artie Almeida - "I use little stuffed toys or beanies for my Beat Buddies. Kids love to "adopt" them for beat/melody lessons"

Denise Gagne - "I'm budget conscious because I taught for way too many years in schools where the only budget was what I fundraised!"

"Thank you"

"My beat buddies are crocheted owls. Homemade!"

"What does the subscription include?"

"Love that!"

"I have the little beanies that I got at McDonald's when they were giving them out with Happy Meals."

"love that!"

"Great Idea! Love the idea of making owls."

" I use the McDonald soft toys too. :)"

Denise Gagne - "Subscription includes ALL grades - there is a wealth of material on the website. That would be a whole webinar just by itself."

"Thank you!"

"Best money ever spent, saved me "

- "how do you link to a specific song in MusicPlay? I haven't been able to figure that out."

"I've used color words on construction paper for rhythm cards. PK/K Cheap, easy!"

"pom poms with a googley eye are great beat buddies, small and compact"

"Absolutely best money spent!"

"This is really fantastic!"

"Students have home access? "

"Flipping the singing is absolutely what I was thinking of"

"How do you link a song from MusicPlay to SeeSaw?"

"My second grade class loved La Pulga!"

"I definitely used that for K-2!"

"Do we have any idea in Alberta what they have recommended for schools and Covid? Haven't heard anything. "

"Forgive me if this has been asked, but will we have access to what we are watching?"

"yes"

"Yeah!!!"

"they enjoyed the Peter and the Wolf and Worksheets (at home)!"

"Beanie baby buddies are also so nice when you sing to end class, they can rock to the beat and then out them away"

"I have beat buddies for a class set for my 2 or 3 schools but I don't have enough for each student."

"Musicplay is currently free...I used a link from Musiplay to the exact spot I wanted my kids to see, put it in their google classroom assignment. I did a 15 minute "lesson" live with them to explain what to do."

" I linked the Musicplay lessons in the "add multimedia example" box."

"It was part of our instrument unit. Right after Carnival of the animals."

"The student access when the school has a subscription didn't include the movies for the songs. Kids had a hard time singing at home without the words. Will the movies be included for student access with a school subscription?"

"Can margarine containers be used for individual bucket drums? Has anyone tried this? "

"What about kazoos in instrument bags for humming?"

"I've used large sized Yogurt containers for drums."

"I've used coffee cans"

"Good idea!"

"I used coffee cans with the lid on for my bucket drums. "

"I used coffee cans for drums - the kids loved them!"

"What software is she using to show her video with the musicplay? Screencastify???"

"You can make kazoo's out of a rubberband, toilet paper roll and wax paper"

"I would have the art teacher make kazoos as a project"

"And this was the bridge back to rhythm and "big kid" notation! Last thing we did in the before times. Sigh"

"thoughts about humming??? can we do it"

"homemade kazoos will not last long"

"Smart Rhythms is great for this kind of stuff - two CD's worth of rhythms and games"

"I am not sure how the kids would not sing along with the songs while in class."

"You could ask your local Facebook Buy nothing group, school colleagues, or parents to collect the big ice cream tubs over the summer..."

"humming should be fine. "

"I think kazoos are a great idea. I have a home-made one - toilet paper roll and wax paper. I'll show this in the Q&A. It's not as good as the purchased ones, but it's free, cheap, easy"

"Our board doesnt recommend toilet tissue rolls because of their origin..."

"is there a way for the link to go directly to the song, or does it only go to the musicplay page and you have to scroll down to the song?"

"The dollar store sells kazoos"

"Smart Rhythms through Themes and Variations "

"The window in an envelope can be easily made into a kazoo"

"That is one of the activities in musicplay. Nothing you have to make yourself."

"What about all those little K cups? Empty the grounds, clean out. "

"You can use thick cardstock instead of the toilet paper roll"

"Question: will the recording have the wonderful comments from all of our participants? There are some great ideas being shared - can't get them all! "

"To link songs, use the search button to search for the song. That is as close as you will get for most songs"

- "Did I get that right, in you can put a link in google classroom to musicplay? (if you have a subscription)"

"K cups have really sharp edges when you take them apart...at least the ones I've experiences."

"I was thinking the same thing about not being able to keep up with all the great ideas being shared!"

"Thank you Denise....you are absolutely calming my anxiety about next year (budget anxiety included) :)"

"Was anyone able to get Buckets donated? Who did you contact?"

"Cool"

"So lots of audiation - would it be OK to all speak or sing one word? "

"All of this material is fantastic. It's exactly what I needed to see."

"Rona (like Home Depot) I spoke with the manager in person and got 25 free buckets"

"Lowes donated my buckets - 30"

"Yep just ask Home Depot for bucket donations"

"My six year old son has joined me. I think the music activities are a hit."

"I was able to get 5 gallon buckets donated from a local ice cream shop"

"Ohhh, that's fast to learn that song by rote. "

"I had a classroom teacher tell me this was too confusing for families. It would be awesome if there was a direct link to the song"

"are we talking how to assess ?"

"I've put in my name at a local ice cream shop and they saved them for me. Sometimes they charge \$1 or give them for free. "

"Fun!"

"Also icing & pickle buckets from a bakery"

"The site is Awesome "

"This is giving me hope for fun music times ahead - instead of dreading all of the planning and heartache of missing out on fun things. I love this!"

"Amazing Deal!!!!"

"I am still concerned about making kits for 550 kids...time and cost when my music time has been cut back to bare minimum...."

Denise Gagne - "We aren't 100% sure how the links will work when the students have a code. We'll know a lot better in July."

"There is so much to use on the site, and it is so well organized. Amazing site"

"You can make kazoos out of popsicle sticks, straws and elastics. Sound better than the toilet paper rolls ones."

"great idea about the ice cream buckets at a local ice cream shop! Gonna put my name in there!"

"Thank you!"

"Have them make the kits"

"I'm starting to feel hopeful and excited about the Fall!"

"I asked a local Ice Cream parlour for their buckets. They were cleaned for me and we made a thank you for the local store. "

"YES MUSIC IS LITERACY"

"I don't know where I would be as a music teacher without Music Play Online"

"We could post music lessons but they had to be marked as "Optional""

"Denise, will the changes be in effect for those of us that begin school in August?"

"Where on CDC did you find the Music guidelines?"

Artie Almeida - "Suggest found sound options for kids who cant afford kits"

"I have this conversation weekly with teachers..."

"That is awesome- May I share that information with my parents and colleagues?"

"I highly recommend Music Play Online for anyone who doesn't have it yet"

"THis is giving me hope for the fall and for our profession"

"I begin year round school in July. Not sure how it will look, yet."

"I did find the entire lesson too complex for my Grade 5's...So I did a 15 minute lesson doing the teaching bits, then linked them to the final activity (Grade 5 composition tool. Had them screen shot their final composition and send to me as their "assignment".)"

"Really excited to use all of the resources on Musicplay Online this upcoming school year!"

There's a You Tube video called "An ostinato is a pattern that repeats"...OMG my grade 4/5 kids love that video LOL"

"I make deals with Walmart "I see you have those car wash buckets on clearance for \$6. That's not in my school teacher budget. What's your best price for me to take them and help clear your shelf?" I got 30 green, blue or purple buckets for 42 each!"

"If my school does not pay, I will!!! there is not way i will miss Musicplayonline one more year :)"

"CDC doesn't have guidelines for music, just for the start of school. There is research going on right now that will give us clarity on singing and band activities. Report will probably be out in June. "

"LOL! you brilliant soul, you!"

"Artie - if you have .08 chopsticks, a pool noodle that costs .10, and an egg shaker that costs .05 - that's only .23 per kid. "

"The one with the dog? My students love it too!!"

"\$2 per bucket!"

"So, could you disinfect one or two instruments per class? Wondering about how much time you might need between to disinfect the instruments - a couple of Orff instruments"

"Thank you, Denise!"

"I am sooo worried that I'm going to accidentally sing if we are in the classroo.. How are we going to retrain our musical selves?ms"

"Signing and playing at the same time, Denise! Such skill :-)"

"Could we spray barred instruments with alcohol?"

"The kids are going to want to sing!"

"or ukulele guitars "

" Truth. so hard not to sing..."

"I was on a webinar earlier and they suggested wrapping your mallets in plastic wrap. "

"sing lightly, should be the same as talking"

"IF we are able to use xylos, can we disinfect mallets in between, or is touching the bars just too much temptation for some students?"

"Lysol - is it OK at all on say glockenspiels?"

"This is amazing"

"NAfME is currently doing a study on how far droplets go with singing and other sounds/instruments."

"You could probably use 2-3 Orff per class, and disinfect at the end of the day. Of course new instrument for each child who gets a turn. "

"Do this with 4th and with the hand clapping partner circle game. Gets to be fun!"

"She said earlier that you need time for the instrument to sit and wait while disinfecting...that's the tricky part. I would not plan on using them in classes back to back. "

"My granddaughter sings all day long! Our kids like that will struggle."

"i got my buckets from Home Depot for about \$2 each. They're our school color of orange!"

"Yes - NAfME says you can disinfect string instruments with 70% alcohol."

"perhaps they can bring their own beat buddy?"

"I already bought a mask with a window from Etsy so I can be ready for students to see the way my mouth moves when singing. Fits great! I highly recommend.!"

"If you have a set of Orff - clean for each class, then time, ha ha to disinfect "

"Neat idea Elena M!"

"You can copy the entire chat (control a), then copy and paste into another document "

"I would love to make kits for all of my students. Would have to get my admin on board to provide the time and resources to build kits!"

"wow, love the orff directory!"

"I was wondering about spray lysol too"

"Like only a couple of xylos per class"

"What was the name of the Etsy store?"

"I am going to be so sad if I ever have to say to my kids, "No singing allowed." :("

"WOW!"

"Those look great!"

"Thank you very much! This is so helpful to prepare us for whatever the fall brings, and to know that our students will continue to receive a superior education, even amidst the craziness. So many great ideas here tonight. So glad to be a subscriber. You have helped us through it!"

"I love this tool. "

"back to the 5 qt. ice cream buckets - I teach at a country school with many large families, i.e., LOTS of ice cream being consumed. I bet I can ask parents to start saving."

"Plastic keyboards would be fairly easy to disinfect wouldn't they?"

"https://www.etsy.com/shop/SewLovelyTX?ref=simple-shop-header-name&listing_id=794442348"

"Do the interactive activities work on iPads"

"Thank you!"

"Has anything been said about students cleaning? I am sure my school won't give enough transition time to disinfect, but I am wondering if this can be a routine students learn to disinfect after each class"

"Home Depot donated buckets to my school. All they wanted was some proof that I was actually a teacher"

"had a difficult time adjusting to 'no singing' rule. but it does challenge us to continue making music in alternative ways! "

"How did you get to the Orff list section again?"

"Denise you are a rock star!"

" left side, Orff Directory"

"student bucket holds the rhythm baggie"

""They're going to be really good at inner hearing by the end of this year." Yes, Yes they are!!!"

"inner hearing = outer tone deaf! LOL"

"Ah! Thank you!"

"nice one! haha"

"My goodness, Denise, can I be you when I grow up?! <3 "

"Please rest Denise! We can take care of you in Houston:))"

"My kids beg to play poison rhythm!"

"Yes, play along rhythms. My 5th graders couldn't wait to beat their own tempo. :)"

"When I taught Kindermusik, I would use shakers with one class, sticks with the next, drums with the next. Then at the end, I would clean everything, and it would disinfect and air dry overnight to use for the next day. I was teaching during SARS in a community centre with babies "

"Yes, let us know when you are in Houston. we can pamper you :)"

"My 2nd graders love poison rhythm1"

"I just ordered 2X the bulk 'eggs' Denise suggested...from Amazon. \$42 for enough eggs for my 500+ students to have one each. They'll arrive on Monday - and then the fun will begin with having to fill and 'seal' them!"

"Thanks for this info!"

"thanks"

"May I ask how Denise is recording this with her video in the bottom corner and presenting her screen? What program does she use?"

"Looks like screencastify"

"I assess on Seesaw - kids record or video themselves"

"You can do this on screencastify, jenny"

"I'm not sure what can be used for that volume of instruments to properly disinfect for covid."

"@Jenny - it looks like screencastify. It's an extension on chrome"

"I used my beat boards and drum sticks from my Artie crash cans, with this. "

Denise Gagne - "this is Denise - I pre-recorded the video. We are using Vimeo Live to broadcast and do the chat."

"I like apowersoft. It's free and easier than screencastify."

"Thanks. I haven't tried this out yet."

"Bucket drumming book = Themes and Variations also great investment "

"Flipgrid for student recording"

Denise Gagne - "I'm really happy I pre-recorded - I was nervous!"

"free extension to chrome, if you use just the basic Screencastify"

"I second apowersoft. free and easy"

"You can also use OBS to do this type of presentation. That's what I use! "

"You're fantastic, Denise!!"

"Denise, how did you avoid audio latency on your playalong videos?"

"Hi!!"

"You are doing GREAT Denise!!! "

"Denise this is AWESOME !!! Your are Fabulous !! :)"

"No need to be nervous with us, you are the genius here!"

"Any ideas for "muting" the sticks on desks?"

"Hi Marlene Sharpe! Wow we've got an Acadia reunion here!"

"I love the rhythm play alongs! And so do my students! "

"foam sheets"

"Muting with frisbees - soft frisbees"

"I'm wondering the same, Mary-Lou! lol"

"felt squares could work for muting!"

"Mute them with notebooks?"

"I know right! Denton Hall reunite"

"(classroom teachers will love us doing this at student desks, ha ha)"

"Depends on the foam. I used craft foam, and they "cracked" them!"

"Hmm, none of my classrooms have desks...."

"Super and it will make the classroom teachers happy. "

"Denise, thank you for your time, your ideas, and your willingness to share with us. You're an angel!"

"If making individual bags, Freezer instead of storage?"

Denise Gagne - "I used Quicktime to record the screen. Then we had a video camera set up to record me. The video editor put the two together. I don't find the sound great in Screencastify - it's quick and easy, but I think we got a better recording this way."

"Chopsticks!"

"Apparently math books make great drum pads...but I haven't seen a class with a full set of math books in a long time (if any at all) "

"The sound is the best I have experienced online!"

"I don't want to damage school or library books!"

"Math.....ewewewe"

"Math books also make good bohdrans, too"

"Yes, literacy connections. Think so many stories could be linked with our lessons"

"Excellent! Thank you!"

"Hi Cheryl!"

"This was in your iPad app! My kids loved this!"

"yes, chopsticks work very well...and you can get some varied sound by using chair or desk legs (for a more 'metal' or high hat sound!), desk for another, and chair back for another"

"This session is making me feel so much better about teaching music next year! Thanks so much. "

"thinking many of these lessons will be across grade "

"Maybe ask the school librarian if there are books that they are discarding this year. "

"I agree 1000%!"

""what instrument kit could be use for that?" (kids creating!!!!)"

"I agree! Thank you, Denise!"

"My district is always asking for assessments. Do you have assessments on this website?"

"I'm feeling much less anxious with all of these fantastic ideas! So grateful for you Denise and Musicplayonline TEAM"

Artie Almeida - "Crossing grade levels in these times is very smart!"

"Where on the website are those rhythm play-a-longs located?"

"Feeling much better with inexpensive ideas for kits."

"Ruth -there are worksheets, rhythmic and melodic assessment"

"Thank you. "

"Yes, just thinking Artie we will have to really combine many of the same concepts, stories etc will make our life easier."

"Left menu towards the top where it says rhythm practice"

"I'm excited to put these instrument kits together. August will be busy!"

"Colleen -RIGHT!"

"Any other ideas for a substitute for sandblocks? I am having a sensory issue with the pool noodles."

"I like the "cheap" kits, and I have all summer to make them...just waiting for direction from my district on how we're going to do music."

"Great job Denise, as always. MusicPlay \$149. Resources, information, ideas--Priceless"

"That is why I love the themes Denise already has done up in the units"

"Magnolia School District loves you, Denise! THANK YOU!!!!"

"Me too"

"Especially considering the large amount of students who will not be signing in or participating online. :("

"\$149 CAD?"

"I've used kitchen sponges for sand blocks - not as cheap as pool noodles, but might help with sensory issues."

"That might work. Thanks Bobbie."

"(Kristen, Instead of pool noodles, rubbing the hands together would work.)"

"If you rinse out the sponges well and then put them in the dryer in a lingerie bag, they dry nice and hard."

"just curious - do the sand blocks not 'break down' with repeated use? I'm visualizing those little bits of pool noodle all over the desks"

"Wondering about classrooms where they don't have desks. this will be interesting to see how that is resolved. We moved to tables for most. "

"I believe it's \$200 CAD and \$149 USD"

"Ruth - there are also lots of worksheets (written rhythm assessments etc) under "printables" to the right of the Movies window for many of the songs."

"Is there a way to do a story like this through Zoom, so that students can see both you and the story simultaneously?"

"Is \$149 for each teacher, or each school?"

"hey do break down a bit...flakes on the kids. But they can last a while."

"Each school"

"thanks, Kate from Chicago! :-)"

"I use screencastify for them to see the screen and me."

"Janet, surprisingly, the pool noodles hold up very well. I made a class set several years ago and they don't shed 'bits' all over."

"No prob, Janet!"

"I appreciate deeply how practical these ideas are, including the individual instrument kits and all the cheaper hacks to acquire them all. "

"anyone else have everything just stop??"

"Seriously if you teach multiple grades back to back, you need Musicplay. It saved my K-6 life. "

"Sign up for the July conference and it's conference and 1 yr for \$175 USD, I believe!"

"great, thanks Katie!"

"Denise, I've noticed that not all the songs (instrumental) from Musicplay is able to download. Will they all be available eventually?"

IT did for me"

"Truth Tambry!"

"Paper plates are easy to use as an alternative to scarves and the variety of colors, textures, and sensory options work well. Very affordable."

"july conference is 21-23 in canada?"

"Good idea Mary Kay"

"online now"

"If you do the conference and 1 yer deal, can you use it at 2 schools?"

"Yes @ Deanna"

"THANK YOU SO MUCH! You and the musicplay team are AMAZING! I am ready to tell my director of fine arts and principal about all of these possibilities to incorporate!"

"I particularly love the story songs. "

"Deanna I pay for my subscription out of pocket so since I pay for the subscription i see no problem with using it at both of my schools."

"awesome"

"And... Paper plates for holidays etc.."

"How young would you do bucket drumming with?"

"loving the background track! "

"Love the bucket drumming idea"

"grade 3 and up bucket drumming"

"Karen I did bucket drumming with my Kinders, I colour coded the notes to their rhythm sticks"

"but have to read simple ta ti rhythms "

"I had a discussion with a Occupational Therapist about grip - they call it a "Flip Pencil Grip" - it's just like a mallet grip with the point of the pencil in the palm. Then they flip the pencil around. Our mallet/stick grip is this grip before they flip it."

"I use tubanos with K and buckets as well. Echo, I play/you play, questions/answer."

"What would you recommend using as sticks for bucket drumming in this situation?"

"I think that gives me some ideas for what I can do now with my older kids right now.."

"Love Kid Stix!"

"I have been using both of those books for years! "

"refreshed and now back :)"

"So do you recommend to post pre-recorded videos instead of live sessions with students?"

"YAY - there's another one! :)"

"Awesome!"

- "Artie and Denise created most of my current resources!! Super fun!!"

"Can someone tell me how many of these webinars are expected? I need that info to get them ok'ed for our district for clock hours - GOOD STUFF!"

"Thank you so much Denise! You are our musical savior!"

"Thank you, Denise!"

"So excited for another webinar! When will the registration come out for that one?"

"Thank you so much for this! I appreciate you so much"

"Thank you so much for this, Denise!!"

"This was amazing"

Denise, you are the best!"

"You are amazing!!! Thank you very much!!!"

"Thank you so much!!"

Thank you so much, Denise."

"Thank you, thank you!"

"Awesome!! Movement on Zoom!! "

"This was great! Thank you so much!"

"LOVED this! thanks for all the great ideas! I feel so much better about going into the Fall!"

"This was amazing, thank you so much"

"phewf...deep sigh"

"my handout says June 10th is the next. Is it the 20th?"

"Vegas was fun!"

"Thank you so much for all of this webinar."

"Thanks so much! I want to go on a cruise- just kidding. "

"Thank you Denise--you are amazing!"

"Well worth the money!! "

"Thank you soooo much. Fantastic Denise. "

"I can't wait for Online Odyssey!!!"

"Thank you so much! This is very calming. We CAN do this!"

"Vegas was SO FUN!!!"

"Vegas was so much fun!!"

"This was nice. It is calming. We can do this!!!"

"This was so much fun."

"When we get a vaccine Vegas again? "

"You are a Saint! Thanks for all you do for music teachers!"

"Will any of Artie's stuff be added to Musicplay online?"

"Did it freeze for everyone or just my computer? hmmm...."

"God Bless you Denise! You are a lifesaver!"

"Can't wait for the online summer adventure in July!"

"So the next Wednesday Webinar (June 20) is on a Saturday, right?"

"Thank you for your work and willingness to share with us, Denise!"

"So glad it will be online this year. "

"Thank you so much for everything you do, Denise!!! :0)"

"DALLAS that was my first one!!!"

"That was amazing Thank you!"

"Thank you sooo much Denise! Can't wait to see you and Artie at Online Odyssey! "

"Michal It froze for me too."

"Super ideas - thank you Denise!"

"This was awesome! Thank you so much!!!"

"Can we see the Online Odyssey after the 21-23rd?"

"Thank you so much for this!!!"

"Denise we are so very blessed to have you! I can't wait for your next webinar!"

"I just did a quick google search and you could create individual kits with 2 rhythm sticks, 1 egg shaker, and 1 movement scarf for about \$5-6 a child. That is super doable!"

"Fantastic session, Denise! Thank you!"

"Thank you so much for giving specific examples of ways that we can move forward positively within the guidelines given. "

"Lots of great ideas! Thank you so much for all of this!"

"Will you include remote learning and/or limited singing lessons during the July workshop?"

"Is there a deadline to join the Symposium or will there be a cut-off if too many people sign-up?"

"Thank you so much! This was fantastic :)"

"Yay!! Happy Hours!!"

"glass of soda! ha!"

"Thank you so much Denise! This was very helpful!"

"Thank you so much for this webinar! "

"Thank you for the Musicplay team!"

"Amazing is an UNDERSTATEMENT!"

"Thank you Musicplay!!!!!"

"Thank you for an awesome webinar! I have enjoyed every minute of it and learned so much! "

"Thank you Musicplay Team!!!!!"

"Thank you Musicplay team!!!"

"Thank you Musicplay!"

"Thank you!!"

"Thanks to all involved VERY much!"

"Denise this was fabulous!!!! Thank you!"

"Thank you!"

"thanks very much. I had a stressful day.... needed to hear the SIMPLE answers."

"Great Job Team!"

"Thank you all!"

"This was fantastic! Thank you!"

"Thank you team!"

"Thanks!!"

"You ROCK Musicplay Team!!!!!"

"Very emotional. Without you doing distance music not sure what the kids would have! "

"Thank you Musicplay team!"

"Yes. Thank you!!"

"Thank you!"

"Denise, you are awesome!!"

"You and your team are fantastic. Thank you to everyone involved!!"

"You have been INCREDIBLE! Thank you for all you have done..."

"Huge thanks to all of this amazing team!"

"The BEST team!!!"

"Thank you to the music play team mates as well!"

"amazing! Thank you"

"Thank you Musicplay Team!!"

"Thank you so much, this was very helpful!"

"Thank you MusicPlay team!! you are so awesome!"

"Thank you for all you do!!"

"Thank you so much Denise! "

"Thank you Denise and the MusicPlay Team! "

"Thank-you so very much. This is so helpful. "

"It was such a gift to have your lessons for this time. "

"This was awesome!!!! Thank you!!!"

"Thank you for tonight Denise - from Patti Casavechia in Nova Scotia, Canada"

"Thank you, to the Musicplay team!!!"

"Thank you! Fantastic - looking forward to the next one!"

"Thank you!!!!"

"It truly takes a VILLAGE....Thank you all!"

"Thank you, Musicplay!!! "

"Thank you! It saved my life as a music teacher!"

"Thank you, Denise!"

"Thank you!!!"

"Many, many thanks! You are awesome!"

"Thank you!!! Everyone did an amazing job!"

"THanks for the webinar!"

"I'm so grateful the Symposium will be on-line!"

"Thank you so much."

"This has been AWESOME!"

"Thank you!"

"Best webinar yet!"

"Denise and her team are saints!"

"Thank you!"

"Thank you! Wonderful! "

"thanks Denise, Thanks Artie!"

"Thank you!"

"Thank you!"

"an amazing team!!"

"Thank you for your devotion and dedication to music. You are the best!"

"Thank you so much Denise and the Musicplay team! This was so helpful!"

"<3 <3 <3"

"Thank you!"

"Fabulous workshop and great ideas."

"Thank you!"

"Thanks very much!"

"Thank you!"

"thank you, Denise and everybody!"

"You are amazing and we all appreciate you Denise!"

"Amazing"

"Thank you!"

"Thank you to you and your staff!"

"Thank you ! :)"

"Thank you so much!"

"Thank you! It's been fabulous!!"

"Thank you all so much!!"

"Thank you !!!"

"You are the best!"

"Thank you!"

"Thank you so much. I really appreciate your comprehensive foresight . You always have kids at the heart of what you do"

"Thank you!"

"LOVE THIS! Thank you again!"

"Thank you for all these amazing resources and for your positivity!!!!"

"You are amazing! Thank you!"

"You and your team are amazing! Thank you so much!"

"clap clap clap clap"

"Thank you, Denise!"

"Thank you so much!!!!"

"This was great! Thank you!"

"Thank you so much!!!!"

"👏👏👏👏 Thank you!!!!"

"Thank you Music play team! Always awesome!"

"Thank you!!"

"Amazing! Thank you!"

"AMAZING"

"Yay Denise!!"

"That was awesome!!!!"

"Thanks!"

"This was great!"

"Wonderful ideas! Thank you!"

"This was a great webinar! Thank you so much for all the great activities and resources :)"

"Thank you so much!"

"Thank you!"

"the webinar keeps freezing every 2 seconds!"

"Thank you very much. So many practical ideas."

"Thanks so much, Denise!"

"Just a major Thank You!"

"WOW! Thank you so much!"

"That was absolutely amazing, thank you so much... :)"

"Thank you! I was a brand new music teacher this year and I really appreciated having MusicPlay! Thank you!"

"Thank you so much. Absolutely amazing"

"<3"

"thank you!"

"Will the chat comments be available with the recording? I was not able to keep up with the helpful comments!"

"thank you so much for this webinar"

"if each student has their own mallet, would that work?"

"Awesome presentation - THANK YOU and your team!!"

"Thanks so much for this fantastic webinar! So helpful!"

"So awesome! Thank you!!!"

"Thank you so much! I will be contacting you to renew my school boards memberships soon!"

"Thank you for Musicplay Online Learning. This has been so useful in my live sessions."

"Thank you Denise, Carey Lynn, Greg, Scott & MP team for Online Learning Modules, Webinars & thinking ahead & preparing us ahead during Covid challenges this & next year! God bless you all! "

"Thank you so much"

"Do prerecord lessons for students? I feel this will be an option in the fall. Have you used Screencastify to show MusicPlay and record yourself giving directions?"

"Thank you! Looking forward to the next one!"

"I'm investigating Microban that I use at home. It continues to kill for 24 hours. Wonder if I could spray morning, and clean again at noon?"

"Jane - Refresh your page"

"Thank you Denise & the Musicplay team! This was a huge blessing during such a stressful time."

"Thank you Denise! You and Artie are seriously "Queens of all things musical.""

" more info please!"

"Yes, Tina!!"

"Great idea"

"You are the pioneers!"

"Mallets that are all "washable" like soft rubber, nylon, etc, are easier to clean completely. Anything you can dunk in disinfectant is easier than something you have to wipe."

"Thanks, Denise! this was great!"

"Thanks!"

"What about doing a Zoom session live for the students at home and also for the students in class, then you only create one lesson plan."

"Thank you to you and your team for your generosity throughout all of this and tonight was great! I am off to buy allllllll the pool noodles! "

"Thanks Dense this was amazing."

"Yay for smaller classes!"

"Microban is an antibiotic, I believe. These don't kill viruses, only bacteria...???...s"

"mary lynn - I need some too!!!!"

"I foresee (in my area) that a hybrid schedule would include kids at school with their classroom teachers getting the math, reading, etc. But specials be home learning. "

"FlipGrid is a great platform to display those student performances"

"Check out the website: Flipgrid. This is an amazing place that students can video themselves then send to you! Performing from home can be shared with their teacher! :) "

"yes - a webinar on take home packages."

"This webinar featured a children's chorus in NYC that has over 300 singers a week engaged in choir singing at home. lots of great ideas. I highly recommend you listen.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IhXpCQIpE3M>"

"WINNIPEG pool noodle hunt is on!"

"Here is a link for info on Microban: <https://www.microban24.com/faq/>"

"Kristen -Dollarama will be cleaned out shortly. Haha!"

27 May, 2020 07:10:04 PM - Kate from Chicago - "you can buy 70 pool noodles at the Dollar Tree online! :)"

"2 truths and a lie"

"I will buy ALLLLLLLL the pool noodles in the Greer Area - Melody, Christine...NONE FOR YOU!!!!!"

"I do a question of the day!!"

"everyone in Winnipeg is going to sink"

"I love dollar stores!"

"Barbara Hamilton - except the music teachers"

"Can ukuleles be used?"

"Thank you!"

"About how many scrapers can one create from 1 pool noodle??"

"Are recorders really hygienic? How can I be confident we are maintaining a My boys -grade 4-6 (love them!) pull the the 3 parts of the recorder apart!! I feel I cannot ensure the environment is hygienic and we are about to come into winter, though no Covid cases for 21 days here"

"Can you please do the back to school in early August?"

"Hi/Lo voice with speaking voice"

- "No, Denise. The Taylors Dollar Trees usually have nothing so I need to go to Greer too!"

"Smaller classes is one of the things that I am actually looking forward to"

"My daughter's art school had a special day each week- dress up fancy, dress in a costume, show a pet or plant, etc. She said it was a lot of fun to get to know her classmates."

"Does anyone use Schoology?"

"flipgrid is awesome!"

"Pamela - I use Schoology with 4th and 5th"

"What if we can't use Google Classroom? Can you please offer some info on Microsoft platforms?"

"Will there for sure be smaller classes here in Alberta? "

"Yes - we use Schoology and SeeSaw"

27 May, 2020 07:11:46 PM - Denise Thomas - "Denise A - we will see who gets there first!! hahahahaha"

"We use Schoology here in Texas."

"Is it easy to use microsoft Teams?"

"Mary-Lou, that's great! Team building!"

"We use Schoology too."

"SeeSaw!"

"Denise, do you have a Seesaw expert too?"

"How do we find the Sound Songs on MPOL?"

"We use microsoft teams"

"So does the whole school use the same code or does each child have their own code?"

"Thank you for this Denise! You were so helpful and wonderful, as always! "

"@Colleen M - no one here (AB.) knows much. A Lag's office just said today they will release plans Aug.1."

"I use Canvas and Microsoft Teams"

"I have learned Flipgrid and really enjoy the student responses!"

"Denise - a SeeSaw expert would be incredible - and Schoology too"

"When does the membership begin if I have signed up for Online Odyssey 2020?"

"My 3rd graders love poison pattern and enjoyed that game on MusicPlayOnline. We use Classroom."

"you can put the link to the website in canvas and teams"

"Thanks appreciate it. Really wondering teach 250 told no changes yet..."

"Yes, Seesaw would be great!"

"You can see 16 at a time in Google Meet."

"Florida is allowing camps already"

"I am concerned because I only see my students once per week and they have cut back my time so I don't know how things will work. I might only see my kids once every two weeks...."

"Flipgrid! "

"I had a Google meet with 54 kids at the same time!! It was crazy. I could see all of them at once with Chrome Grid View Extension"

"My whole elementary music team of 10 schools are taking your Juy"

"@Colleen me too 250/day. Makes me kind of nervous at the prospect. I say All in or stay this course. I can't do prison rules school. "

"Where did you hear about August 1st? For Alberta?"

"Yes, Flipgrid!"

"I agree. FLIPGRID was fantastic during the past few months"

"Also performance self assessment sheets will be helpful."

"One Pool Noodle will yield how many student pieces??"

"Google meet depends on your district purchase program...ours is allowed 200 at a time"

"I've had parents email me that they don't want their child (gradesK and 1 mostly) posting videos online, even after explanation of the platform. "

"My school board's tech team says they anticipate that Google Meet will be trying to have more than 16, but if your screen is small, you wouldn't be able to see. We are finding about 50"

"They were saying 13 per pool noodle"

"Not all of our children have access to online learning. Our school is in a small rural area and the internet is not reliable for all. Some are even off the grid! "

"Only 50% of kids sign in to participate"

"flipgrid is great "

"You can record videos with Snagit"

"SMULE has been fun though. We made a video of our music teachers singing. It's an app. "

"The software to layer tracks to make a virtual chorus is so expensive. It would be wonderful if someone found something that is Google compatible that will layer students' recordings."

"Midnight Music has a great very basic virtual choir editing video on youtube"

"I was thinking cool whip containers as well."

"Two cups can make a nice clip clop as well...the IKEA cups make a great sound!"

" we love musicplay but wondering if you have any tips on interegrating musicplay into its learning and seesaw."

"I've been saving bottle caps just for something inexpensive to click together incase I need to put something together that is cheap."

"Will you be addressing how to prepare for substitutes?"

"Debbie, if you glue the bottle caps on a piece of folded cardboard you can get castanets "

"Tech help PD would be better than virtual choir PD"

"I do flipped recorder, but how do you give feedback to the littles? They can't tell whether they're matching or not."

"Yikes recorders at home! Even I'd be driven to drink listening to my own children trying to play them!"

"Unmute them one at a time to hear how they're doing."

"Love that mask! HAVe y'all seen the AOSA masks?"

"Teaching recorder online is awesome because kids can practice constantly while you check in with others and their sound doesn't distract everyone else. :)"

Freshgrade is another excellent resource for sharing video back and forth. - "I have had a lot of success with recorder online"