

Good Morning Van Students ...

I hope you have been enjoying your time at home! I must admit ... the first couple of weeks seemed very strange not seeing your bright and smiling faces walk through the music room door. I missed your usual questions ... what are we doing today? ... can I play the drums? ... do we get to play bongos? ... can we play the keyboard today? ... and more! I miss your enthusiasm ... and hopefully, we can get that same energy going through Distance Learning. I trust you are finding fun in activities there isn't always time for ... family games, walks with your brothers or sisters, watching movies and cartoons on television, and spending time with all of your furry friends! Enjoy these quiet times ... and always keep a smile on your face!

We live in a world filled with amazing technology options ... the Internet, Facebook, YouTube ... and more. We have so many learning opportunities available at our fingertips. I am excited to share music experiences with you ... in the comfort of our own home ... online and on video. I welcome you to ... **The Music Stand** ... from the classroom of Mrs. Craig.

We're going to kick off the musical version of Distance Learning with a rap ... just for Rensselaer Bombers ... entitled *The Beat Goes On*. You will be able to access this video on my YouTube channel. The link to my direct site will be provided by your classroom teacher.

Our music theme for the following five weeks, will be ... **DO THE FIVE**. What exactly is do the five? The five refers to preventions we can do to stay safe and help stop the Coronavirus from spreading to others. The five focuses on ... hands, elbows, face, space, and home ... and will include a new song each week and music activities to match. There may even be some competitions, with prizes, and perhaps a fun game of **Name That Tune** ... online ... to make everyone SMILE! Now show me your contagious enthusiasm!

Parents ... if at any time you have questions on any of the music activities, please feel free to send an email to Tammy.craig@rcsc.k12.in.us. Enjoy your children!

Sending smiles and happy songs to all ... Mrs. Craig



The CHOICES ...

- 1. Can you learn any of the words and rap along? I'll bet there are a few of them you can remember. Give it a try ... can you keep the beat going on and on and on?
- 2. Watch the hand moves? Can you keep up with me? Go ahead ... put those hands in the air!
- 3. Try making up your own hand motions ... it will be fun!
- 4. Let's get those feet movin' and groovin' ... add some cool dance moves.

The CHALLENGE ...

Send an email to me, Mrs. Craig ... tammy.craig@rcsc.k12.in.us ... and let me know ...

- a. Can you rap any of the words?
- b. Can you follow the hand motions?
- c. Did you make up your own hand motions?
- d. Did you create a dance to go along with the rap?
- e. Can you tell me how I should count this song? For example ... 1 2 3, 1 2 3 4, or another way?
- f. Did you have fun?

The COMPETITION

Rap the entire song for me ... and you can even use the words! If OK with mom and dad, or guardians, send the video to me through my email address or post on my YouTube channel. The first five students to rap the entire song in each grade level will receive an online "The Beat Goes On" certificate. How cool is that? Wait, there's more ... if your hand motions are correct, you will also receive a treble clef brag tag ... sent to you through the mail! Have fun ... SMILE ... Mrs. Craig tammy.craig@rcsc.k12.in.us



Beginning ... Start Here ...

Well here we are just a sittin' at home, Under a state order that we shall not roam. Can't go to school, must stay where we are, With technology, we learn near and far.

It's time for music - don't walk down the hall, I'm right in front of you - listen up ya'll ...
No virus can stop us from having some fun, And when this is all over, we will have won ...

The beat it never stops, It goes on and on and on ... Oh ya, the beat goes on, And on and on and on.

Gonna do this thing ... Gonna see a new dawn. You will never stop us, Cause the beat goes ON.

We are all survivors ... And we will rock. Not only do we rock, We walk the talk.

Watch us break it down now with a 1,2,3 ... Gonna move this virus outta here, you will see.

We're gonna keep on, keep on, Keepin' the beat ... Welcome to music class, Now take a seat.

Part Two

Hearing drums in my head, Both day and night ... Now we're just pretending, Doesn't seem quite right.

Rhythm sticks we've got them, But they're at school ... We'll just use our voices, And we will rule.

If we had maracas,
We could really grove ...
Wish that you could see us,
Cause our moves are really smooth.

We can even play kazoos, Songs that you would know. Believe us when we say, We even played them in a show,

Wish we had some tambourines That we should shake. We'll just clap our hands And we will be first rate.

The beat it never stops,
It goes on and on and on ...
Oh ya, the beat goes on,
And on and on and on ...
Did you hear me know ...
Just put those hands in the air
And move them all around ...
Now bring them back to the front,
We're gonna make some sound ...
Let's go ...

Part Three

Yes, we've still got it, So you can see ... No Coronavirus gonna take The beat from me.

We boogie in class and We'll boogie at home ... We may even work on Our vocal tone.

We do have one concern That bothers us ... Why is everyone In a toilet paper fuss ..

One day we'll be back Where the fun began ... In music class with Mrs. Craig, And we will jam.

The beat it never stops, It goes on and on and on ... Oh ya, the beat goes on, And on and on and on. The beat it never stops, It goes on and on and on ... Oh ya, the beat goes on, And on and on and ON.



Smile ... Say Hi ... Po The Five









