

Grizzly Hill Elementary School
16661 Old Mill Road
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To Whom It May Concern,

For the past four months, I have had the pleasure of hosting Michael DiMartino in my 5th and 6th Grade classroom as a percussion, singing, and dance movement instructor. Mr. DiMartino came to Grizzly Hill through a recommendation by one of my student's parents, and I was so delighted with the progress that my students made in group music-making that I arranged for once-per-week classes. The series of fall 2014 classes culminated in an exciting evening holiday drumming and singing performance for the school and community. Video of this performance is available on Mr. DiMartino's website <http://www.BuildMusicianship.org/gallery/>.

I was pleased that Mr. DiMartino demonstrated an understanding of classroom management, lesson planning, and techniques to differentiate instruction for individual needs. His positive attitude throughout all the class sessions never flagged, and my students are gaining in confidence, in the ability to work together, and in music-making skills.

As a result of Mr. DiMartino's success with my 5th and 6th Grade classroom, my fellow classroom teachers have decided to invite Michael to offer Orff musical instruction, drumming and percussion classes, and singing and dance movement practice in their classrooms.

In addition, Mr. DiMartino's performance ensemble arranges group community drumming that my students have independently participated in with their families. Two families from my classroom have acquired drums for their children as a result of Michael's percussion example and instruction.

I wholeheartedly recommend Michael DiMartino for classroom or workshop percussion, Orff, dance movement, and singing instruction. His professionalism, years of performance and teaching experience around the world, and positive support for children have made Mr. DiMartino key to a successful music elective for my students this year.

Sincerely,



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