

PING! activities at D97 facilities 2017-2018

Instrument Storage

- PING! loans mainly used, refurbished band and orchestra instruments to PING! students. In the last 5 years alone we have loaned a total of 100 – 160 instruments annually. The majority of these are to D97 students.
- During the summer months, about 100 –150 instruments are stored in the old shower room at Hatch school, the entrance to which is in Ms. Nikolokakis' room.
- Instruments are loaned to students in the fall and renewed in the spring, leaving probably a third to a half of the instrument inventory in the closet. These are used for swaps during the year.
- PING! Inventory Committee members access the closet frequently during the summer, as we use that time to assess, repair, tune-up and prepare instruments for loaning. During the school year we access the closet several times a month to swap out instruments.
- Replacement value of these instruments is difficult to estimate. Used instruments could cost from \$75 -\$400, depending on the instrument.

Board Meetings

- PING! board meetings are held at Julian Middle School usually 3 – 4 times per year, in the evening, 7– PM. These take place in the first-floor classroom across from the main office.
- This year's meeting are scheduled for: Monday, Oct. 16, Tuesday, Jan 16, Monday, March 19 , Tuesday, May 15.

Middle School Mentoring

- PING! Mentor program pairs PING! middle school students with OPRFHS musicians for 1 hour private music lessons and mentoring.
- These sessions occur after school from 3:30-4:30 at the middle school where the student attends. The OPRFHS mentors assigned to those students are brought to the school by PING! volunteers. The mentors are picked up by PING! volunteers at 4:30.
- The sessions are scheduled generally every other week from October to May. The dates for 2017-18 are: Oct 3, Oct 10, Oct 24, Nov 7, Nov 21, Dec 5, Dec 12, Dec 19, Jan 9, Jan 23, Jan 30, Feb 13, Feb 27, Mar 6, Mar 13, Mar 21 (Wednesday lesson), Apr 3, Apr 17, Apr 24
- Middle school classrooms are used for the mentoring sessions. A PING! board member or our consultant is on hand at the middle school to supervise. The number of classrooms needed is dependent on the number of Mentor-Mentee pairings. As of 8/31/17, we have 10 pairs at Brooks and 13 pairs at Julian.

Elementary School Enrichment Workshops

- Twice a year, a weekend music enrichment workshop is held for PING! 4th and 5th graders.
- In past years, the workshops have been held at Beye School or Hatch School on a Saturday afternoon.
- The first workshop in the 2017-2018 school year is scheduled for November 4, 12:30 – 3:30.

- The workshop typically consists of a group activity led by a professional musician or D97 music teacher, in the auditorium or community room/lunchroom.
- Then, students are given a private music lesson with a PING! high school mentor, in a classroom. Multiple classrooms are required to accommodate each mentor/student pair in their own classroom. The number of classrooms needed depends on the enrollment for that workshop.
- 4th and 5th grade PING! students are picked up by a parent or guardian at the end of the workshop.

PING! Parent Discussions

- Concurrent to one of the enrichment workshops, PING! holds a discussion for PING! parents. These are led by a PING! board member.
- They are generally held in the school's music room or community Room and from 5–15 parents may attend.
- The discussions are designed to help PING! parents network and support each other, provide parents with information about how to help their child succeed in music, and provide information about PING! programming.

Fall Signup

- In September, PING! board members are present at the D97 instrumental music nights at Brooks and Julian so that students eligible for PING! can sign up for instrument rental with PING! concurrent with their peers who are renting from Music & Arts or Kagan & Gaines.
- PING! board members deliver the rented instruments to music rooms and auditoriums at all D97 schools the week after signups—to coincide with the deliveries from M&A and K&G.

Spring Signup

- During the spring Elementary Workshop, usually held in April, PING! holds one of our renewal events to accommodate parents dropping off and picking up their children at the workshop.
- PING! board members are on hand during the workshop hours to help parents fill out the renewal paperwork.

Instrument Support

- During the school year, a variety of things happen to student instruments that require PING! attention (students quit, they need a larger instrument, they request a second instrument, they need a new bow, or their instrument needs a swap for repairs, etc.).
- PING! Instrument Committee members deliver and pick up instruments and supplies during the year to each of the schools, upon requests from the instrumental music teacher or the PING! family. Typically, this is done at the school office.

PING! Scholarships

- PING! offers scholarships to students at Brooks and Julian for summer music camp as well as for D97 sponsored 7th/8th-grade music trips.
- PING! board members attend the informational meetings for these activities with parents and staff at Brooks and Julian to provide information about PING!'s support for these opportunities.

Support for D97 Instrumental Music Teachers

- PING! students have traditionally made up between 7 – 10% of all D97 instrumental music students. We aim to support the music teachers so PING! students can be successful.
- PING! provides each school with a “kit” of emergency supplies (reeds, string’s vale oil) etc. so that a lesson or practice is not disrupted because of a worn-out reed, sticky valve or broken string.
- PING! provides each middle school with mallet kits for PING! percussionists.
- We assist with teacher communication to families of PING! students, when notified that students are not coming prepared, are missing lessons or have an issue with their instrument.
- PING! has also provided loaner tubas, tenor saxes and other large instruments that can be used in the ensembles.