



Listen Up! Teacher Guide

The Basics:

Listen Up! is a month-long initiative designed to encourage children in grades K-12 to make classical music listening a part of their daily. All ACMS students are eligible and encouraged to participate.! (We hope to expand the program's reach in the future.)

Students who successfully complete the listening goal will receive a voucher for a **free ice cream cone** from Larry's Dawg House. They will also be entered into a drawing for a classical music CD (we're giving away 10), and the student with the highest total listening time across the whole month, within their grade-group, will receive a **\$25 iTunes gift card**.

The Details:

- The program begins on **Monday, February 1st and ends on Sunday February 28th**.
- The listening goal is an average of **15 minutes of listening each day**, for a total of 420 minutes by the end of the month.
- Participating students will receive a calendar to track their daily listening; parents will record the number of minutes listened and sign off to document each day's listening.
- This month, we have a genre/theme for each week. So during week you can focus on a specific era/genre of music for listening in your lessons with the students.

Week 1: Feb.1-Feb.7: Classical/Romantic Week

Week 2: Feb.8-Feb.14: Vocal Week

Week 3: Feb.15-Feb.21: 20th Century Week

Week 4: Feb.22-Feb.28: Film Music Week

- To ensure easy access to quality repertoire, students can access Spotify and YouTube playlists, as well as suggested Pandora channels, at **projectinspirare.org/listenup**.
- After the listening period ends on February 28th, participating students may **turn in their listening calendars to you** or Dr. Elizabeth Braun in the ACMS office, Glidden 448.
- Students who successfully complete the program will receive their ice cream vouchers – generously donated by **Larry's Dawg House** – either from you (their private ACMS teacher) or Dr. Braun.
- Students who successfully accomplish the listening goal for the month will also be entered into a drawing for a classical music CD.
- The student with the highest total listening time across the whole month, within their grade- group, will receive a **\$25 iTunes gift card**.

The grade divisions are grades K-3; grades 4-6; grades 7-9; and grades 10-12.

Listen Up! is an initiative of *Project Inspirare* (projectinspirare.org), the ongoing classical music outreach program of the Ohio University Collegiate Chapter of the Music Teachers National Association and advisor, Dr. Christopher Fisher. Questions? Contact Malissa Tong, MTNA Collegiate Chapter president, at mt597312@ohio.edu