



MSIC Newsletter

June 2013

President's Message

School's (Almost) Out for Summer!

It was certainly a very busy school year for all of us! Preparing for concerts, performances, musicals, festivals, and day-to-day activities is quite hectic, but the end results are always worth it! :)

As the 2012-2013 school year comes to a close, we at the Music Special Interest Council would like to ex-

press our appreciation for your suggestions, ideas, and support this year. We love hearing from you—contact us through email, Facebook, or Twitter! As well, please visit our website nlmsic.com for updates!

We would also like to extend our congratulations and well-wishes to all the music teachers who are retiring at the end of this school year. Thank you very much for your contri-

bution, your dedication, and your commitment throughout your careers. It is certainly an inspiration to all of us. :)

Thank you for all that you do. Have a happy summer—we deserve it!

Sincerely,

Kathy Conway-Ward
President
Music Special Interest Council

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Music Monday 2013—Fill the Skies with Music!

Music Monday 2013 proved to be a great success! Despite some technical difficulties, many teachers and students participated in the nation-wide event, featuring cameos by many artists. The concert included astronaut Chris Hadfield and Barenaked Ladies front man Ed Robertson performing their Music Monday commission, Is Somebody Singing?

Here in Newfoundland and

Labrador, many schools watched and participated in the event. The Telegram published a great article about Music Monday at St. Kevin's Junior High, which can be found [here](#). As well, students from 50 CDLI schools, along with teachers Andrew Mercer, Jim Murphy, Gordon King, and Hey Rosetta bassist Josh Ward performed the Music Monday song online!

If you have any Music Mon-

day 2013 stories and pictures—we would love to know! Please share via Facebook, Twitter, or email!



Andrew Mercer, Jim Murphy, Josh Ward (Hey Rosetta), and Gordon King



Teacher Share Series

The Teacher Share Series is designed to bring teachers together in a small, casual setting to share ideas and resources and to support each other and our programs. If you have any suggestions or ideas for the teacher share series or would like to host one at your school please do not hesitate to contact a member of the executive in your area.

Facilities and Materials Survey Update

Thank you to all who participated in our Facilities and Materials Survey that was distributed in May. The results from this survey provides information on music teacher needs, and how we can help our members get better services.

As you can imagine, developing a plan is quite involved and needs to be precise. Under the guidance of the NLTA staff, we are formulating an extensive document about our teaching space and resources. However, we will be requiring more information from our members. In September, we will be sending out a follow-up survey to gather specific details from teachers about their work conditions and environments.

Thank you again for your support in this endeavor!

Professional Development—Fall 2013

PMSIC is in the process of planning a PD day for the fall. Right now, it is tentatively scheduled for early October. We are looking for session suggestions—topics that are included in your professional growth plans, that are of interest to you, or that are among current trends in education. Sessions could include topics outside of music education, as well.

If you have any ideas for our PD day, please contact a member of MSIC—contact info is included on page 3. We will confirm the date ASAP!

NLTA Survey

On June 18, NLTA Communications Officer Lesley Ann Browne distributed a question to all members of the Association.

Your 2013-15 NLTA Provincial Executive Council will be meeting in August to conduct the business of the Association. One of the items on the agenda will be setting priorities for the NLTA for 2013-15. We would appreciate if you would assist in the setting of these priorities by providing feedback through the following link. <https://s.zoomerang.com/s/NLTAPriorities>

This is a great opportunity to voice your concerns or offer suggestions about NLTA issues!

Become a Member!

As a registered member of the NLTA Music Special Interest Council you will:

- become a member of our national affiliate , the Canadian Music Educators Association (CMEA)
- receive CMEA and MSIC newsletters and journals
- have opportunities to attend MSIC workshops and provincial conferences
- have a voice provincially and nationally for addressing concerns unique to music educators

NLTA Music Special Interest Council 2013-2014

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THAT IS WHY I TEACH MUSIC.

NOT because I expect you to major in music.

NOT because I expect you to play or sing all your life.

NOT so you can relax or have fun.

BUT- So you will be human

So you will recognize beauty

So you will be sensitive

So you will be closer to an infinite beyond this world

So you will have something to cling to

So you will have more love, more compassion, more

gentleness, more good...

in short, more life.

Of what value will it be to make a prosperous living unless you know how to live?

- Author Unknown