

Dear Austin ISD Elementary Music Teachers,

The AJW is in the early planning stages of our 3rd Annual Jazz Jubilee at the AISD PAC in April 2018. There is space for fifteen elementary campuses to participate (three students from each campus). This is an early heads-up to let you know about the event, although a specific date has not yet been determined. Our hope is for a Saturday or Sunday afternoon in Spring 2018.

Students will perform with the AJW on at least three numbers during the program. They will sing and/or play recorders on *Bye Bye Blackbird*. They will sing on *Salt Peanuts*, and sing and play percussion on *Don't Stop the Carnival*. There will be other numbers on the program with the AJW playing and students listening. The second half of the event will feature an AISD middle school jazz band TBD.

Five additional AISD schools will be invited to participate in the AJW's appearance at the Texas Community Music Festival, usually held in mid-April at Central Market on N. Lamar. Students will sing (and play recorders, if they are ready) on *Bye Bye Blackbird*, and play percussion and sing on *Don't Stop the Carnival*. These children will also receive AJW t-shirts. Music teachers (for either event) receive one as well.

Sheet music and a practice recording for *Bye Bye Blackbird* is available by request via district email to ausjazz@gmail.com. **ALSO:** If you want to have some students playing recorders with the AJW at our scheduled appearance on your campus, you are encouraged to prepare them ahead of time using these materials.

If your school is interested in participating in either of these two events, please send me notice by returning to ausjazz@gmail.com the statement of intent at the bottom of this page. I will contact you after dates have been determined. Preference will be given to schools that did not participate last year, but that is not a disqualification.

Thanks very much! We look forward to performing with your students.

YES, we want to participate in:

- AJW Jazz Jubilee at AISD PAC**
- TCMF at Central Market on North Lamar**
- Either Event!**

Name/Phone or Email

Campus