

NPSB Members in the Community



Over the summer, North Pittsburgh Symphonic Band flute player, Ellen Spondike, has been staying active—including offering flute playing opportunities for students. Ellen has music degrees from Duquesne and CMU. She teaches band and orchestra at Shaler Area Middle School.

The flute group at Shaler Library is called “Flock of Flutists” and is open to students with at least 2 years of experience. Ellen said, “It’s so great to have kids from different districts come together for this!” One participant, Katt from North Hills Middle School, said, “I like the songs we are playing because I’ve heard some before, such as the Harry Potter theme.” Another flute player from North Hills, Leila, said that she likes “the wide variety of music”, and “how she lets students decide what we play each week.” Leila also likes “playing with friends in a quiet library!” Devan, who will also be attending North Hills Middle School, said, “I like to be able to play the flute with my friend Madison—we have fun together!” Madison is a Duquesne University graduate and also teaches flute. “I love that this flute choir has provided so many opportunities to work on various musical skills, such as tuning, playing in a small ensemble, technique and so much more! The instructor is so fun and inviting, and she makes sure to take into consideration the interests of the students. Such a great experience for kids of all ages!” The group will continue to meet Wednesdays throughout the month of July.



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