

MARIACHI: 'People are usually blown away when they see them perform'

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hearing it. It's my thing," she said.

Many of the students are also in band but, said Emmons, the style is not only different, but the technique.

"They play by ear," he said. "You have to be intentional about training them. So, I think, it's different than how a lot of people in, like, European white culture, learn piano and guitar. The kids doing it come from families who emphasize

mariachi — they're mariachi families and they're committed.

"We want to blow that up," he added. "We want to have all kids participate."

That's the biggest focus — getting the word out that all students in the district are welcome to participate in the program.

"Without kids doing it, it's just another one of those good ideas that adults have," he said.



THE MARIACHI BAND performs with long-time mariachi teacher Juan Antonio Martinez, at right, at HRVHS.

Giving Back

Juan Antonio Martinez is a mariachi pioneer in Hood River. He has been teaching mariachi here since 1988 — mostly volunteer — as well as plays in a band; he also works as an instructional assistant at Hood River Middle School.

With money that he's earned from music, he has opened a mariachi school in rural Mexico, paying someone to teach. "I have a lot of kids over there enjoying mariachi," he said. "I focus on rural areas far from cities."

He is hoping to someday open a similar music school in Africa. "I enjoy doing for the poorest countries," Martinez said. "It makes me happy to do it."



Photo by Trisha Walker

TEACHER JUAN ANTONIO MARTINEZ works with violin students Jennifer Guzman and Angel Arredondo.



Photos courtesy on Brent Emmons, HRMS

HOOD RIVER MARIACHI plays under a tent at a community gathering.



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FROM LEFT, David Guzman sings and plays guitarron while Kimberly Jaimes plays vihuela.



YADIRA SOLIS chose the trumpet because she wanted to make "loud sounds."

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Kid Scoop Buddy B. Beaver's Goals

Buddy shows us how to reach a big goal by breaking it down into smaller steps.

Beavers don't just use trees to build dams. When Buddy looks up at this tall tree, he sees food and housing for his family.

But chopping down a big tree can seem like an awfully big goal for a little beaver.

Buddy sees the big job as a series of small jobs.

Jobs that start as taking small bites of the tree, one at a time.

Buddy gnaws at the trunk of a tree, taking lots of tiny bites.

He chews and chews away at the tree trunk, until finally ...

... the tree topples over! Buddy takes the tree to a nearby stream and builds a home for his family.

Buddy's cozy home is built of trees and branches. He strips the bark off the tree and stores it to feed his family. Home sweet lodge!

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Can you put these mixed-up beaver facts in the correct order?

- are powerful swimmers that can swim
- the second largest in the world. Beavers
- shut to keep water out. Transparent inner eyelids
- underwater for up to 15 minutes.
- When a beaver swims underwater, its nose and ears
- built-in swimming goggles!
- Beavers are the largest rodent in North America and
- close over each eye to help the beaver see like

Double Double Word Search

EXPENSIVE PURCHASE EARNING EYELIDS TOPPLES RODENT BEAVER STREAM LODGE WATER BITES BARK SWIM GOAL TREE

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

E	A	R	N	I	N	G	S	W	T
S	Y	I	M	M	K	R	A	B	N
A	R	E	T	A	W	I	N	E	E
H	S	E	L	P	P	O	T	A	D
C	W	R	B	I	T	E	S	V	O
R	I	T	G	R	D	O	D	E	R
U	M	A	E	R	T	S	E	R	N
P	T	E	G	D	O	L	A	O	G
S	E	V	I	S	N	E	P	X	E

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Kid Scoop Together: Busy Beavers!

Busy beavers chewed some words from this list of fun beaver facts. Replace the words to find out some amazing things about beavers.

SLOW COIN TREES
AGE YEARS
ALARM TAIL BARK
WEIGH

- Using their broad, scaly _____, beavers will forcefully slap the water as an _____ signal to other beavers in the area that a predator is approaching.
- Beavers are _____ on land but using their webbed feet, they are very good swimmers. A beaver can stay under water for up to 15 minutes.
- Beavers are **herbivores**. They like to eat the _____ and wood of _____. They also eat pondweed and water lilies.
- Adult beavers are around three feet long and have been known to _____ over 55 lb (25 kg). Females are as large or larger than males of the same _____.
- Beavers can live up to 24 _____ in the wild.
- The beaver is the national animal of Canada, and is on the Canadian five-cent _____.

Be Like Buddy: How to Reach a Goal

Sometimes there are things you want in life that are not possible right now. For example, maybe you want to buy something that is expensive. If you are serious about that purchase, make buying it a goal.

In order to reach that goal, be like Buddy. Make a list of small steps or small goals that would help you reach your big goal.

EXAMPLE: Angie wants to buy a new coat. The coat costs \$50.

Angie decides that instead of trying to earn \$50 all at once, she will make ten goals that will help her reach her big goal. She makes a goal of earning \$5. If she earns \$5 ten times, she will reach her big goal of \$50!

How can Angie earn \$5? Put a check in the box next to each of Angie's jobs. If you checked the right boxes, they add up to exactly \$5.

If Angie can earn \$5 per week and save the money, how long until she will have enough money to buy the coat?

MY GOAL: _____

JOBS I CAN DO TO EARN THE MONEY:	HOW MUCH I CAN EARN:
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____

HOW LONG UNTIL I REACH MY GOAL? _____

Extra! Extra! Busy Builders

Beavers are builders. Look through the newspaper for examples of things people build. What are the kinds of jobs people do to build things?

Standards Link: Use the newspaper to locate information.

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Build a Sentence

Select a headline from today's newspaper. Expand the headline into a longer, complete sentence by adding adjectives and other words. Diagram your sentence to show all of the parts of speech.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Write On! How I Earn Money

How do you earn money? Do you do chores? What kind of jobs do you do?

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