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Dear Parents,

After a long search, I am very pleased to welcome Madeleine Calhoun to the position of general music teacher at Putnam Valley Elementary School. For the past four weeks, Mrs. Calhoun has been substituting in the music room and providing music instruction for our students. Prior to coming here, Mrs. Calhoun spent several years in the Arlington Central School District located in Poughkeepsie, New York. We are very excited about having Mrs. Calhoun as a member of our school community and look forward to her working collaboratively with the district's music teachers to develop a K-12 music curriculum for our students. As an experienced professional who has planned many different opportunities for her students to showcase their knowledge and talent, we welcome her creativity, spirit and energy.

As part of the music program, Mrs. Calhoun will be teaching the children how to sing, read music, play instruments and perform for an audience. Since performance is a part of the curriculum, the children will be performing throughout the school year. Please be aware of the following events:

Kindergarten	A Time for Thanks	November 20 th
First Grade/Childside	Winter Sing Along	December 20 th
Chorus	Winter Concert	January 30 th
Third Grade	March Melodies	March 12 th
Chorus/Band	Spring Concert	May 21 st
Second Grade	Fairy Tale Celebration	June 13 th
Fourth Grade	Moving Up	June 24 th

Specific information regarding these shows will be shared shortly.

We know that you will join us in welcoming Mrs. Calhoun to the community.

Sincerely yours,

Jamie Edelman
Principal