



October 6, 2017

Dear students and families,

Our first fundraiser of the year is the annual Practice-a-thon, which will take place Sunday, October 22 through Saturday, November 4.

Our total fundraising goal for this year's Practice-a-thon is \$37,500. We can reach this goal if every student participates and is able to raise at least \$150! Funds raised from the 2017 Practice-a-thon will go towards important things like scholarships, sheet music, supplies, rent, and even help pay for your great teachers! This fundraiser is a great opportunity to help students set a great practice routine for the year, help them learn all their new music, and also give students an opportunity to give back to the programs they love.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

1. We'd love for every student to create their own fundraising page by visiting <https://give.classy.org/elementalpracticeathon> and scroll down to find your ensemble's page. If it's not listed under **TOP TEAMS**, click **VIEW ALL** to choose your ensemble. From your ensemble page, click **JOIN TEAM** to create a fundraising page, which you can then send to friends, family, and loved ones for donations!
2. If you aren't able to create your own page, supporters can visit <https://give.classy.org/elementalpracticeathon> to make their donation. Supporters can find your ensemble's team page by scrolling down to **TOP TEAMS**. If your ensemble isn't listed, click **VIEW ALL** to see each option. Click **DONATE** to make a pledge – please note: when checking out, supporters should write the student's name in their comment box so we can count that donation for your family. The top earner in each ensemble gets a prize, so this is an important step!

DURING THE PRACTICE-A-THON:

Once you start the Practice-a-thon, please write down how much time you practice every day. For this fundraiser, you may include the time you spend in private lessons as well as Elemental Music rehearsals! You'll also need to keep track of online donations on your form.

AFTER IT ENDS:

Please record the pledges from your donors and thank them for their support. **All pledge sheets and pledges are due back to your ensemble no later than the week of Nov. 9 to be counted for our ensemble competition.**

PRIZES:

The program with the highest percentage of participants will earn a pizza party for their ensemble! The top earner from each group will earn a \$10 gift card to Menchie'

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask your program director. Happy practicing and good luck!

