



Dear Parents,

Welcome to our October 2026 Unit 5 Music Parents (U5MP) update! We're excited to share the latest news, upcoming events, and ways you can stay involved and support our incredible music programs. Please keep reading for this month's updates and opportunities.

🎵 Music Extravaganza Coming Soon!

Our biggest fundraising event of the year, Music Extravaganza, is coming up soon! Check out the [Music Extravaganza website](#) for details and updates. Here are the highlights:



- **Concert Dates:**
 - *Monday, November 2 @ Normal West HS:* features performances from Kingsley JH, Parkside JH, and Normal West HS
 - *Monday, November 9 @ Normal Community HS:* features performances from Chiddix JH, Evans JH, and Normal Community HS
 - Full performance line up for each concert available on the website!
- **Order Dinner & Desserts:**
 - Make your evening even more special with delicious meals from Nelson's Catering and various desserts. All food is served in convenient to-go containers, perfect for enjoying in the cafeteria or at home! [Order today!](#)
 - *For the Normal West concert, food orders must be placed by Oct. 23.*
 - *For the Normal Community concert, food orders must be placed by Oct. 30.*
- **Volunteer:**
 - We need helping hands to make these concerts run smoothly! Please consider volunteering. Sign-ups available on the Music Extravaganza website.



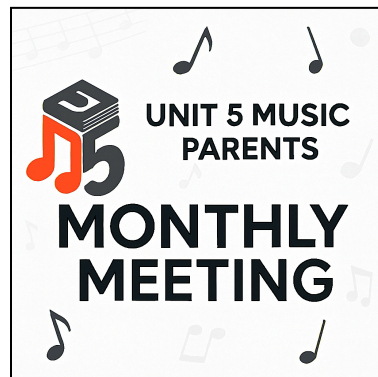
📱 Follow Social Media:

Have you followed us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) yet? On social media, you can interact with our events and stay up-to-date with everything U5MP. So, please take a few seconds to follow our social media accounts and invite other music parents in your network to follow as well!

Upcoming Meeting:

Join us at our next meeting on **October 26 at 7:00pm in the Normal West High School IMC**. At each meeting, you'll hear updates from music programs across the district, find out about upcoming fundraising events, and more. [Minutes from our previous meetings](#) are posted on the U5MP website. Save the dates for our future meetings throughout the year.

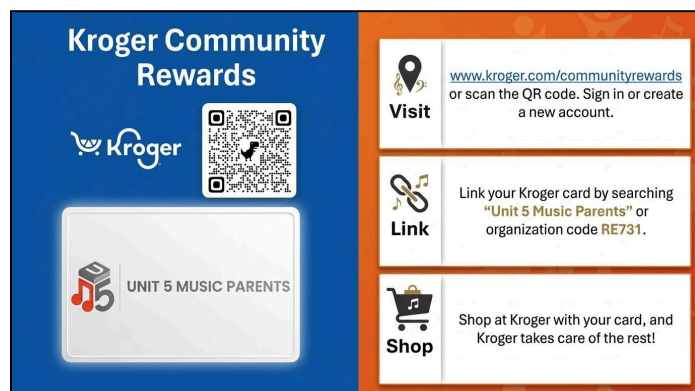
1st Semester: Normal West IMC at 7:00pm	2nd Semester: Normal Community IMC at 7:00pm
Aug 24	Jan 25
Sept 28	Feb 22
Oct 26	Apr 26
Nov 23	May 17



Other Fundraising Opportunities:

There are a few other ways you can support U5MP!

- **Kroger Community Rewards:** Turn your grocery runs into donations by enrolling in Kroger Community Rewards. Every time you shop, Kroger donates a portion of your purchase to U5MP, at no extra cost to you. Check out our [website](#) for quick steps to sign up and start supporting U5MP!
- **Donate:** Can't volunteer but still want to support our music programs? [Donate today](#) and help keep music thriving in our schools.



Join Unit 5 Music Parents:

[Learn more about U5MP](#) and get involved to help support our music programs across the district. Follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) for updates throughout the year.

Ready to get involved? Please fill out the [U5MP Parent Information Form](#) to get connected, receive updates, and explore ways to get involved through volunteering and events.

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