

Taiko Drummers from Odaiko Sonora Tucson Company

This year we had the privilege of having the Taiko drummers come again for a week to teach the students how to play the taiko drums.

Sensai Holly and Sensai Sonya graciously came for an entire week and worked with the students twice a day. They taught them many valuable skills, not only for taiko drumming, but to help them in life.



Sensai Holly



Sensai Sonya



Valuable skills learned.

The students really enjoyed learning the parts of the drum, the Japanese daily morning workout, and playing lots of games that encouraged team building, listening skills, following directions, playing in unison and just having lots of fun.



Learning Japanese morning workout and performing it as a whole school.



Kindergarten practicing to play.



3rd-4th grade practicing to play.



1st-2nd practicing to play.



6th-8th grade practicing to play.

We celebrated what the students learned by having a performance where the students got to show off the songs they had learned to play as a group.



Kindergarten through 8th grade students are ready to perform their songs.

Then the team from Odaiko Sonora, which included: Karen Falkenstrom, Ishani Deo, Nicole Stansbury, Sonya Evans, and Holly Cluff, performed for the students, parents, and community.



Ishani

Karen

Nicole

Holly

Sonya

They played four fantastic songs and on the last song they got everyone involved with a dance that went with the song they were playing.



After the performance, we held a pot luck. We had lots of wonderful food provided by the families and community. It was all delicious.



We would like to thank the Odaiko Sonora Taiko Drummers for spending a wonderful week with us this year and look forward to seeing them again next year.

