



# mmc live training march 2020

*School closures? Tips & Tools for Teaching remotely*





about me





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# housekeeping

- tech issues? refresh the browser
- delay...
- chat window: log in
- questions at end of sections
- longer Q&A at end





# other things

- session is being recorded
- replay link available (emailed)
- PD certificate (link at end)
- free training every month



first things first...



don't panic!





# your superpowers

- you know your content
- you know how to teach
- you're awesome



# about this webinar

- there's a lot to discuss
- we can't cover **everything**
- today is an **overview** of solutions
- part 2 very likely!





# in this session

- a few general tips
- what to do NOW if you're still at school
- tech tools: essentials & nice-to-have
- online learning: look & feel
- ideas for limited tech access



# who's here today?

- teachers from around the world
- band/orchestra/chorus
- elementary music teachers
- general/classroom teachers
- studio/instrumental teachers





# at-home learning



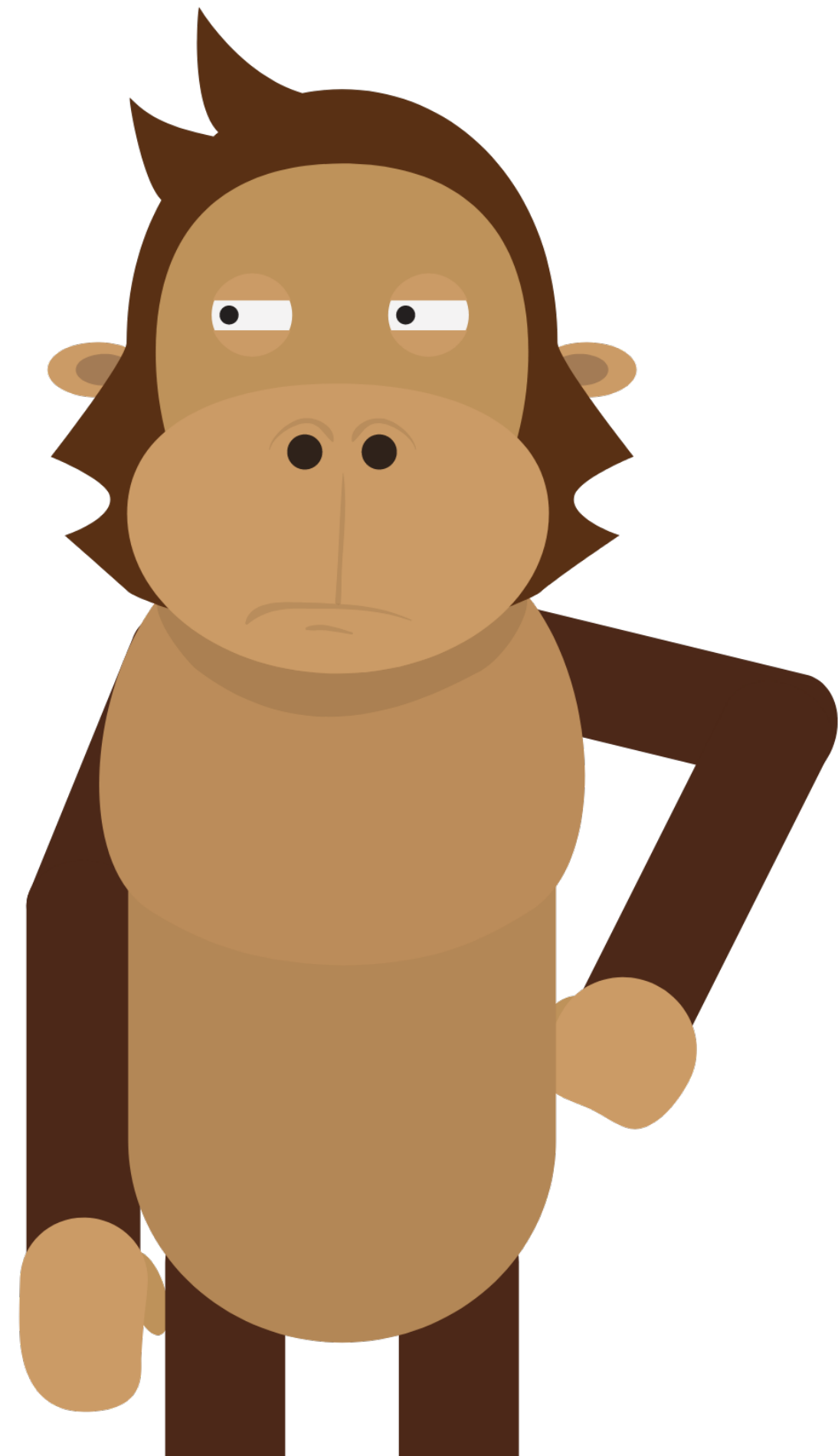
# two things you need

- your content (lesson materials & resources)
- delivery method (the tech)



# rethink things (somewhat)

- you can't translate your lessons exactly [**let that go**]
- be open, adaptable, flexible
- consider challenges students are facing at home
- dial it waaaaay back





# general tips

- use tech you have already been using
- avoid stress: not too many new things
- focus on the MUSIC & learning outcomes
- KEEP IT SIMPLE



IF you're still at school

# what to do NOW

- survey families: tech
- you: learn the essential tech tools NOW
- students: practice using tech tools; set up systems
- prepare printed packets of materials
- send home books, devices, instruments







delivery: lesson look & feel

# asynchronous vs synchronous

- best: mostly asynchronous
- issues with synchronous learning:  
access, devices, adults present
- live sessions: still important (connection)



# for most lessons you will...

- make teaching videos
- prepare handouts or digital resources
- upload materials & share with students
- video conference (sometimes) : live Q&A/discussion





# the tech: essentials

# tech essentials: 3 main things

- learning management system: your learning "home"
- video conferencing tool: for live sessions
- screencasting software: to make teaching videos





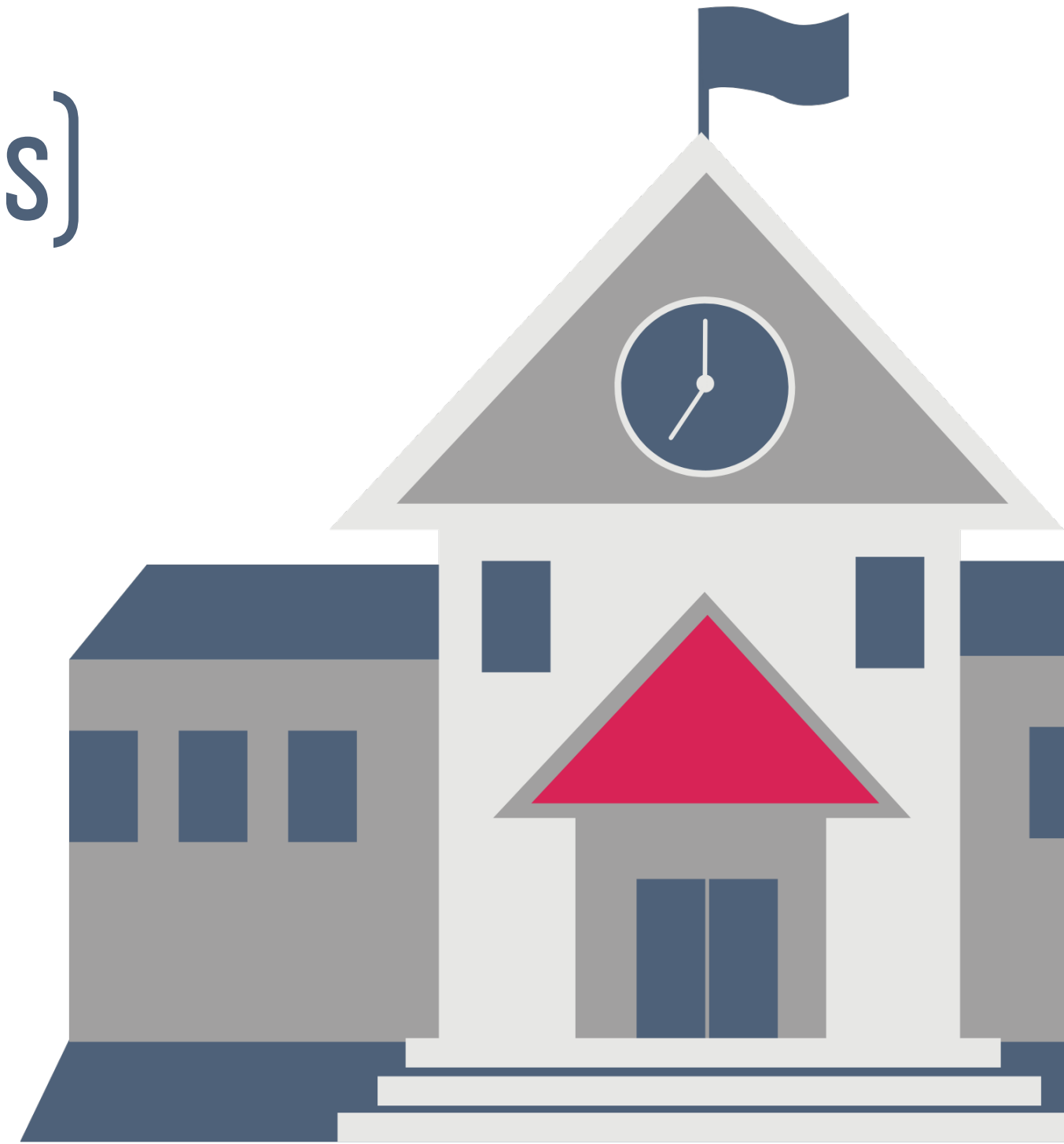


## but which ones?

- avoid stress: not too many new things
- use tech you have ALREADY been using
- use what your school has
- **KEEP IT SIMPLE**

# learning management system (lms)

- one place to gather teaching materials
- common: Google Classroom, Microsoft Teams, SeeSaw
- others: Moodle, Blackboard, Canvas, website/blog
- I don't have one – now what?





# live video conferencing

- it's like Skype or FaceTime (larger-scale)
- best: Zoom, Hangouts/Meet, Teams
- don't try to teach EVERYTHING this way!
- practice with a colleague

# ways of using

- live lecture-style delivery or two-way
- mute/unmute students
- chat window feature
- best for: check-ins, questions, connections (students & teacher), SOME live teaching



# zoom







# screencasting

- record your screen and/or your face
- best options: Screencastify or Loom
- other options: Quicktime, Screenflow, Camtasia
- use laptop – better workflow

# tips

- plan your video first
- don't worry about mistakes!
- show your face to connect with students  
(afraid/nervous? Get over it!)
- can record tab audio (turn on in settings)
- useful for feedback & assessment



# other essential tech tools

- presentation software (PPT, Keynote, Slides)
- Flipgrid (free)



# flipgrid

- it's free
- useful for ALL
- playing assessments, singing, speaking, share thoughts, journal, feedback, perform rhythms, storytelling with SFX, show what you know

**Challenge testimonials**  
Jul 29, 2019


**START HERE!**  
Did you enjoy the 5 Music Tech Lessons in 5 Days challenge?  
Record a quick video (up to 3 mins) and me know what you liked about the challenge.

**\*\*Tap/click on the green plus sign to add your video\*\***

Things you could cover in your video:

1. What made the challenge useful/enjoyable/fun?
2. Has your confidence in using tech increased since completing the challenge?
3. Which lesson will you try with your students first?
4. Did you like the format?

**29 Responses** 0 Replies 342 Views [4.8h Engagement](#)



**Judith B**  
Thanks :)

**Tyler T**  
July Challenge Testimonial

**Melanie K**

**Danielle L**

**Rachel R.**

**Theresa T.**  
Like

**Margaret R.**

**Arwen N.**

**Rachel M.**  
Choir

**Leanne T.**

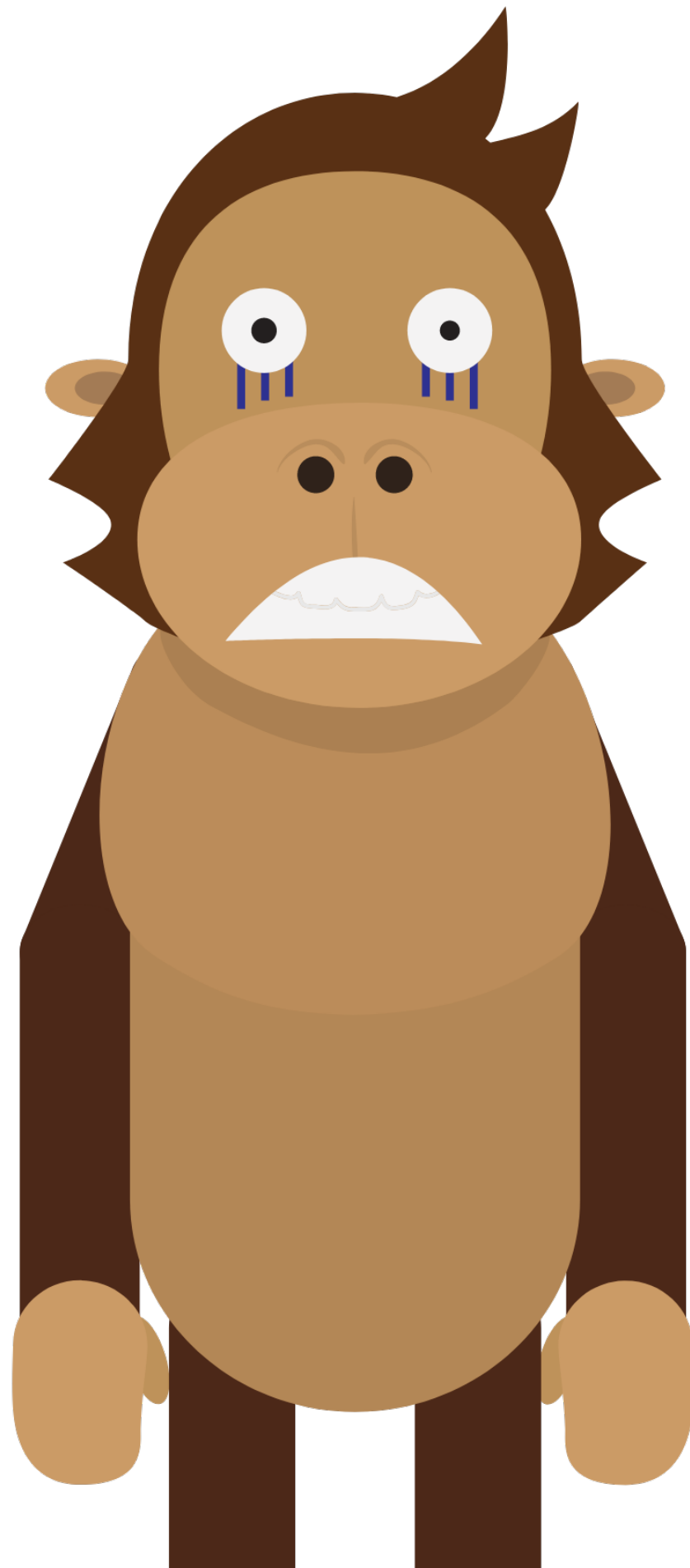
**Jennifer K.**  
Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

**Band Rules**



tech: good-to-have





# other important tech tools

- DON'T get carried away
- avoid overwhelm
- not too many new things

# creativity: digital audio workstation

- Soundtrap
- Bandlab
- GarageBand
- Logic
- ProTools
- Ableton Live
- others



# creativity: notation



- Noteflight
- flat.io
- Sibelius
- Finale
- Dorico
- Musescore
- others

# performance

- Practice First
- Smart Music
- Sight Reading Factory
- others





# ear-training & theory

- Auralia
- Musition
- MusicTheory.net
- others

# quizzes

- Google Forms
- Quizizz
- Kahoot
- Socrative
- EdPuzzle (video quizzes)





# just a few free websites

- Chrome Music Lab
- Incredibox
- Groove Pizza
- AQWERTYON
- Beepbox



# ultimate free music tech resources guide





# ensemble directors

# I'm dreaming of...

- running live band rehearsals with my 50 students via video conferencing
- getting my 40 choir students to submit videos to me so I can create an Eric Whitacre-style virtual choir





**LET IT GO**





# why neither are effective

- live rehearsals: latency/lag
- virtual choir videos: technical challenges; hours of work



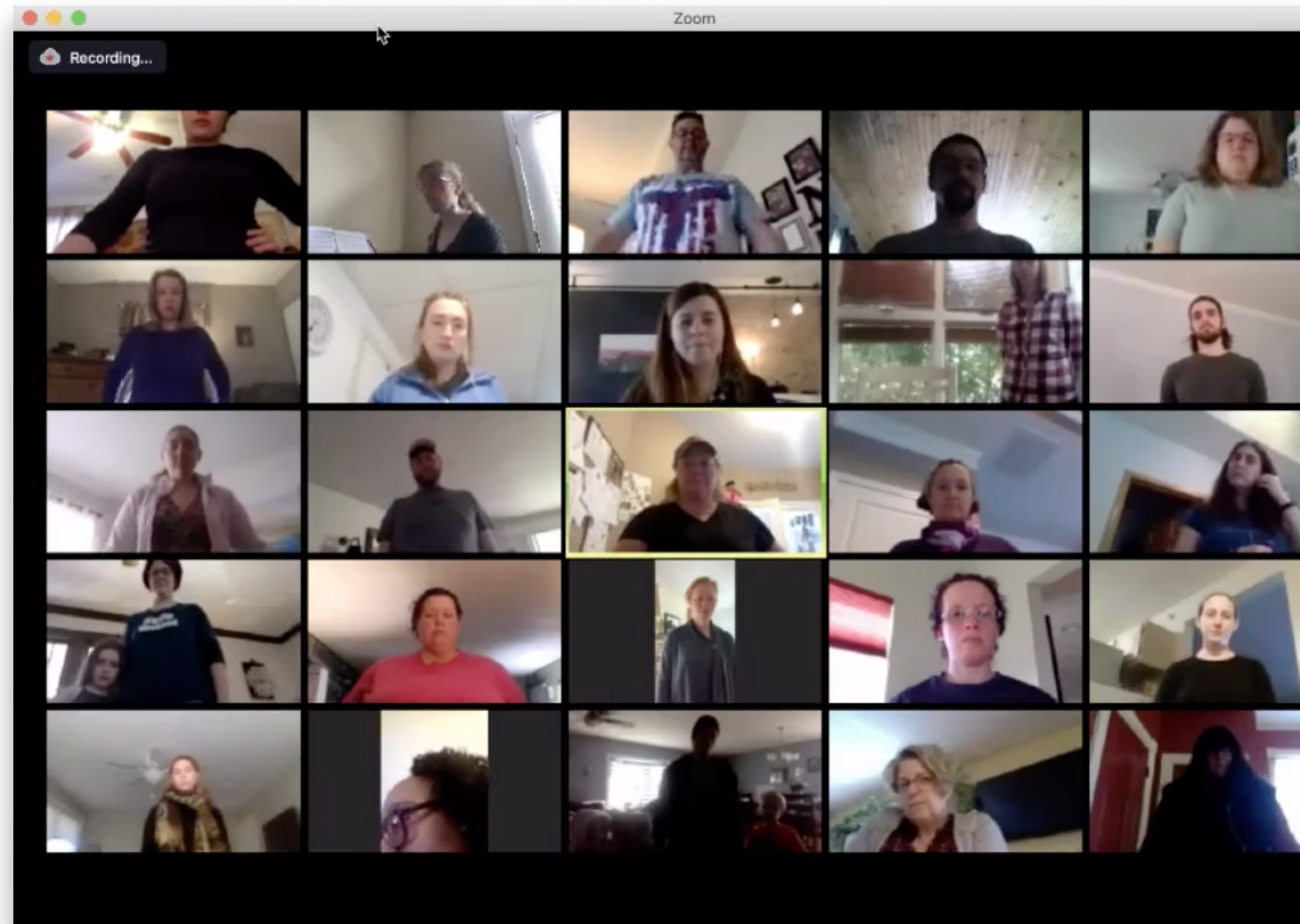
# other options

- "silent" rehearsal via Zoom
- individual video submissions
- submit recordings via SmartMusic or PracticeFirst
- record separate tracks into a DAW (collaborate or individually)



# silent rehearsal

- Michelle Rose
- Music Educators Creating Online Learning (FB group)
- mock rehearsals (you can watch the recordings)





# alternative activities

- record your part, plus another part into a DAW
- compose warm-ups in notation software & share
- learn from online videos
- teach someone how to assemble your instrument on video
- research the composer & record a podcast or write a report
- transcribe a solo
- go on a virtual tour: composer's birthplace
- record a rhythmic backing and improvise over the top



# classroom music

# elementary, middle, high school

- prepare asynchronous materials
- find ready-made resources
- post assignments
- connect with students live
- allow students to connect



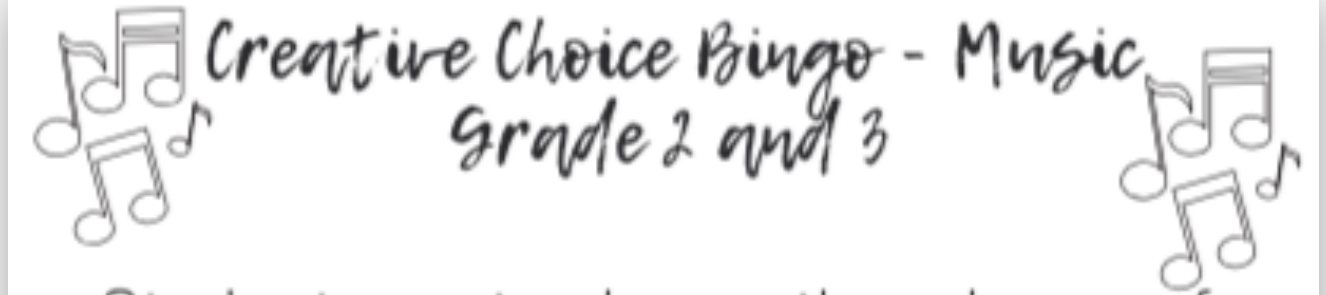


# tips

- be flexible with deadlines
- involve the home environment
- activity choice boards (bingo) work well
- offer multiple submission formats
- offline options important

# choice boards - bingo-style

by Megan Iemma

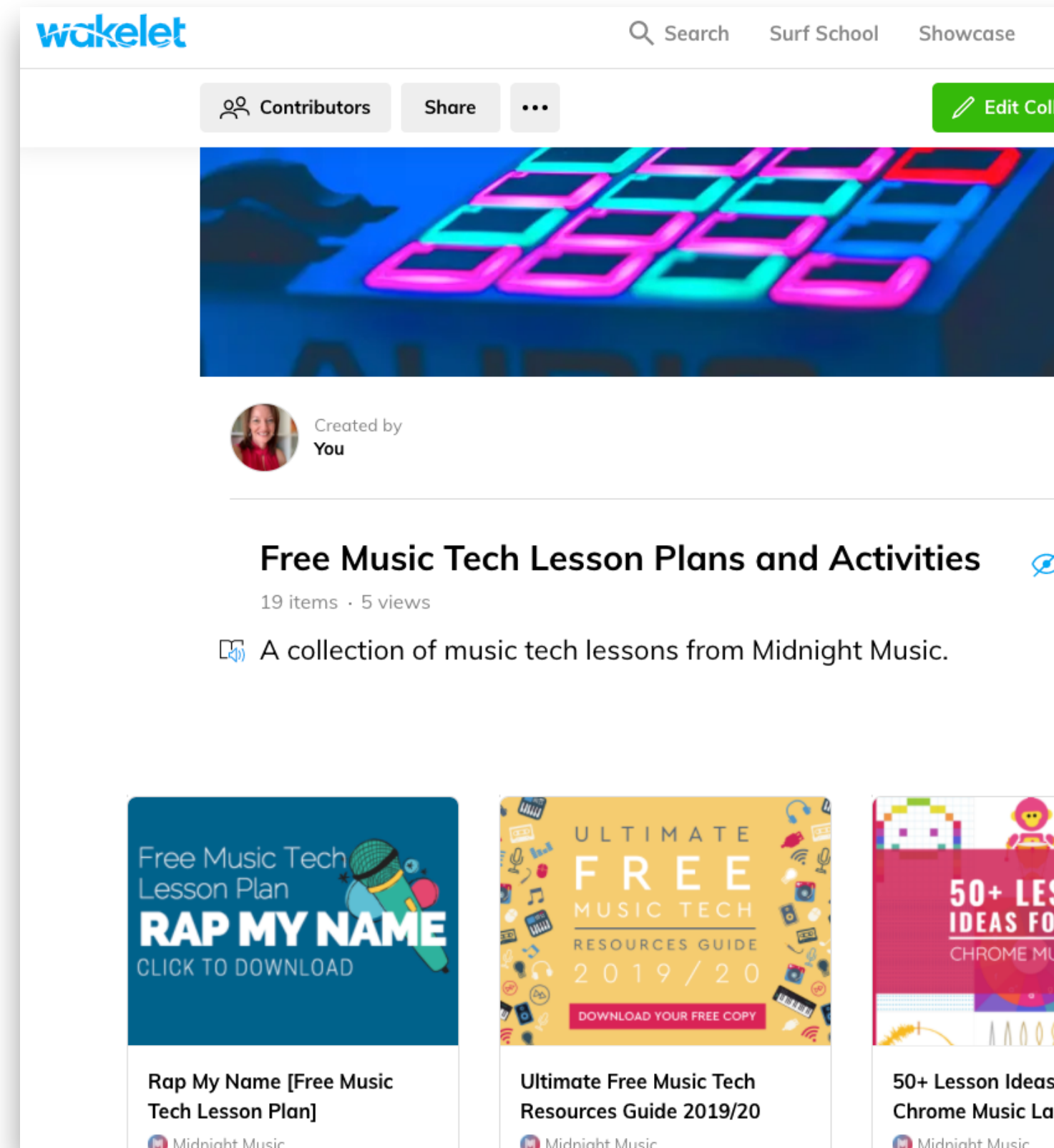


Students are to choose three boxes of their choice. Parents sign off.  
Links shared on the document as [shorturl.at](http://shorturl.at) links.

<b>Listen</b> Bounce a ball or soft pass a ball while singing or listening to a song - keep the beat	<b>Sing</b> Sing and learn a new song in a different language	<b>Move</b> Pop See Ko <a href="http://shorturl.at/ksu0l">shorturl.at/ksu0l</a>
<b>Explore</b> Find ONE instrument for each letter of the alphabet - write this down	<b>Compose</b> Create sound effects for a picture story book (draw symbols or record)	<b>Play</b> Bucket/Chair Drumming <a href="http://shorturl.at/qsBjY">shorturl.at/qsBjY</a>
<b>Move</b> Drum Fit: Happy <a href="http://shorturl.at/PvY04">shorturl.at/PvY04</a>	<b>Sing</b> Cheki Morena Cheki <a href="http://shorturl.at/esKV4">shorturl.at/esKV4</a>	<b>Watch and tell</b> Sydney Symph. Orch - Welcome to the Orchestra <a href="http://shorturl.at/pCQBS">shorturl.at/pCQBS</a>

# free music tech lessons & activities

- Midnight Music lessons/activities/posts
- Wakelet collection
- [midnightmusic.com.au/freelessons](https://midnightmusic.com.au/freelessons)



# other activity ideas

- musical olympics
- rhythm challenge
- virtual talent show
- boom snap clap
- lip sync competition
- Tik Tok-style dance with a family member\*
- Tik Tok-style "duets"\*
- 12-sound challenge
- found sound remix
- word art (free website)
- learn a dance from the 1920s/50s/80s etc
- take a virtual museum tour
- find different timbres around the house
- show us (write about) a musical instrument at your house
- perform sound effects to a children's storybook

\***NOT** posted on the Tik-Tok platform



# ready-made lessons, courses

- Midnight Music
- SeeSaw
- Flipgrid
- Teachers Pay Teachers
- TED-ED
- New Victory Arts Break (perc)
- Musication (Youtube)
- Abelson Learn
- Soundfly
- Play With Your Music
- Visual Musical Minds (Youtube)
- Google Doodles
- Music Play Online
- HKIS: Laura/Danielle Home Music Learning



limited tech?



# issues

- no device
- shared devices with family members
- parent/carer smartphones only
- little or no internet access

# possible solutions

- send printed materials home
- send devices home
- assign offline activities
- written responses
- use smartphone to photograph or video student work
- email assignments
- paper submission when school returns





# final thoughts



## more help?

- FB Group: Music Educators Creating Online Learning
- FB Group: E-Learning In Music Education
- FB Group: Educator Temporary School Closure For Online Learning
- Twitter: #schoolclosures #remoteteaching #remoteteaching #covid19edu (+others)
- Midnight Music free lesson videos [coming soon]
- Midnight Music Community [special offer]

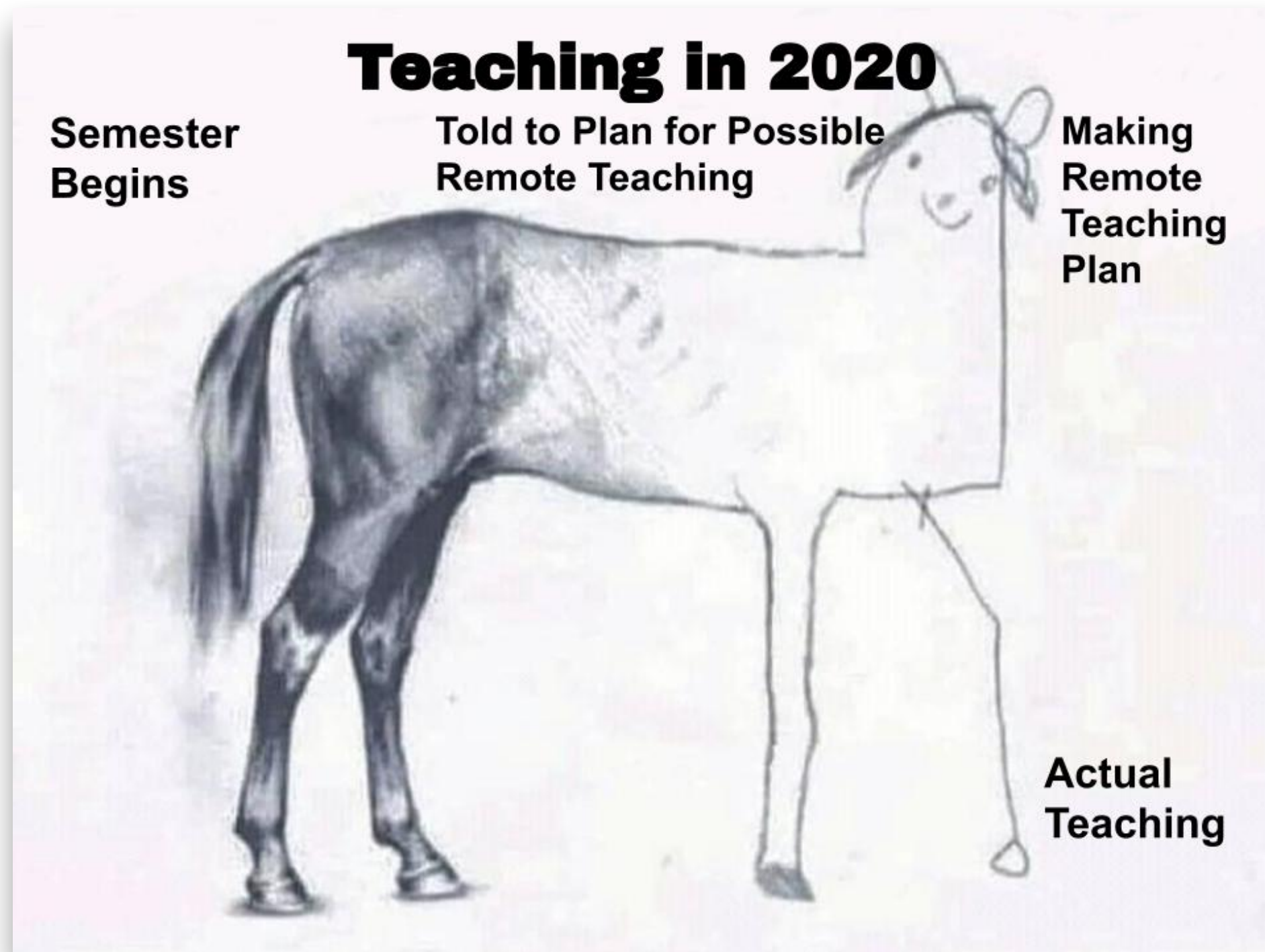
# the most important things

- look after yourself & your loved ones
- just try your best
- connect with your kiddos because they will miss you
- allow students to connect because they will miss each other
- I am here to help! Tell me what you need





# things don't always go to plan



@renea frey  
via Facebook

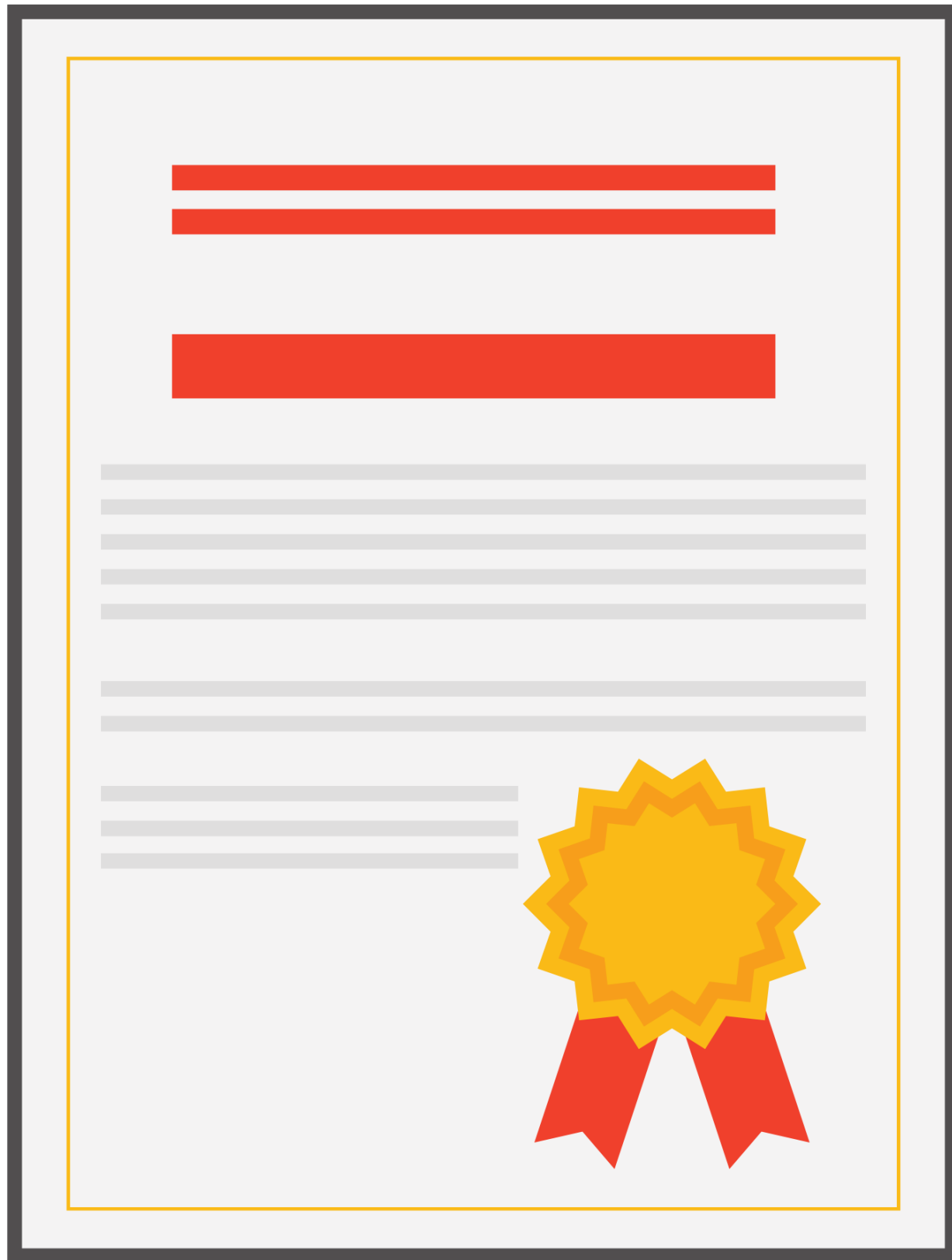


## part 2?

- content ideas
- lesson plans
- music tech activities

# pd certificate

● [midnightmusic.com.au/corona](https://midnightmusic.com.au/corona)





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