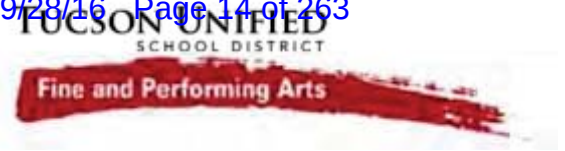


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Student Comments about OMA

School year 2015-16

Grades 1-6

(Taken from research reports and student written and oral responses.)

- *OMA helped me understand I can trust my classmates. I learned how they really are. It was just amazing.*
- *I learned that people would appreciate me if I appreciate them.*
- *OMA builds teamwork, self-discipline, and pride by participating in the lessons and respecting others, I have a lot of energy.*
- *Sometimes the classroom feels like a holding cell. This is when OMA can't come soon enough. When we sing, dance, and play instruments it is a break from class and helps me to focus my energy better.*
- *OMA keeps me calm when I play a song with my class. I feel like I have great talent. Talent doesn't come from strength and not from beauty, it comes from the heart.*
- *I love OMA. It has done many great things for me. I loved to learn about other countries and people. I do not know how people survive without it.*
- *I love when we do art in different ways. My work turns into a masterpiece.*
- *OMA Dance classes teach us how to dance many different ways that are dazzling to do.*
- *I like singing, acting and learning the languages you teach us through OMA.*
- *OMA makes us realize we have so much to do and so little time!*
- *OMA helps me calm down before I take a test. I sing the songs in my head.*
- *Our OMA lessons make us work as a team.*
- *I was full of joy building connections with others.*
- *OMA taught me to have better discipline. When the teacher gives directions, I follow them.*
- *My OMA teacher motivates me to be better. I am determined to complete each task.*
- *I learned to stick with something until I felt confident doing it.*
- *I can really express myself.*
- *It was the perfect year of my life with OMA.*