

Music in Our Schools Month Daily Prompt Calendar 2020

This calendar was created by the NAFME Council for General Music Education as a service for music teachers during Music in Our Schools Month®. These daily prompts can be used for social media posts, on morning announcements, or in what ever way you want to celebrate MIOSM®. When more than one prompt is listed under a date, choose the prompt that works best for your teaching situation.

The hashtags included are: Music In Our Schools Month (#MIOSM, #MIOSM2020), National Council for General Music Education (#NCGME), and the 2020 MIOSM® Theme - Music Changes Lives Lives (#MusicChangesLives). Using the hashtags on social media helps us track usage and have a stream of MIOSM® posts to share. Happy celebrating!

March 1

Happy #MIOSM! Celebrate today by sharing your favorite song with someone. #NCGME #MusicChangesLives

March 2

Happy #MIOSM! In 1965 The Sound of Music was released in theaters. Celebrate today by channeling your best Maria & sing using solfège! #NCGME #MusicChangesLives

March 3

Happy #MIOSM! In 1931 “The Star Spangled Banner” became the official US National Anthem. Celebrate today by watching your favorite video of a National Anthem performance. #NCGME #MusicChangesLives

March 4

Happy #MIOSM! In 2012 vinyl record sales increased for the first time in years. Celebrate today by asking people how they prefer to listen to music – radio, streaming, CDs, or vinyl. #NCGME #MusicChangesLives

March 5

Happy #MIOSM! In 1853 Steinway & Sons was founded. Celebrate today by playing the piano. If you can't play an acoustic piano, you can always use an app. #NCGME #MusicChangesLives

Happy #MIOSM! In 1907 the 1st radio broadcast of a musical composition aired. Celebrate today by listening to the radio. #NCGME #MusicChangesLives

March 6

Happy #MIOSM! In 1808 the 1st college orchestra in the US was founded at Harvard. Celebrate today by finding a recording of the orchestra from your favorite college or university. #NCGME #MusicChangesLives

Happy #MIOSM! In 1970 the Beatles released “Let it Be”. Celebrate today by listening to or playing your favorite Beatles song. #NCGME #MusicChangesLives

March 7

Happy #MIOSM! In 1994 the US Supreme Court ruled that song parodies are covered by fair use. Celebrate today by learning about Copyright. Compare & contrast a parody song to an original song. #NCGME #MusicChangesLives

March 8

Happy #MIOSM! In 1980 the 1st rock festival was held in the Soviet Union. Celebrate today by listening to or playing your favorite rock song. #NCGME #MusicChangesLives

Happy #MIOSM! The month of March was an important month for Giuseppe Verdi – 8 of his operas had their premieres in March. Celebrate today by learning about Opera. #NCGME #MusicChangesLives

March 9

Happy #MIOSM! In 1961 the Supremes released their first single, "I Want A Guy." Celebrate today by listening to one of the Supremes hit songs. #NCGME #MusicChangesLives

Happy #MIOSM! In 1997 Notorious B.I.G. died leading Sean Combs and Faith Evans to release “I’ll Be Missing You. Celebrate today by comparing “I’ll be Missing You” to “Every Breath You Take” by Sting. #NCGME #MusicChangesLives

March 10

Happy #MIOSM! In 1992 Natalie Cole won a Soul Train Award. Celebrate today by learning about Natalie Cole and how her music spanned both pop and jazz styles. #NCGME #MusicChangesLives

March 11

Happy #MIOSM! In 1997 Paul McCartney was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II. Celebrate today by learning about how we recognize musicians in our country (Kennedy Center Honors, Grammys, etc.). Who would you recognize with an award? #NCGME #MusicChangesLives

Happy #MIOSM! In 1968 Otis Redding’s “Sittin’ On The Dock of the Bay” was awarded a posthumous gold record. Celebrate today by listening to a recording of the song. #NCGME #MusicChangesLives

March 12

Happy #MIOSM! In 1987 “Les Miserables” opens in NYC. Celebrate today by learning about musical theatre. #NCGME #MusicChangesLives

Happy #MIOSM! In 1955 Charlie Parker Dies. Celebrate today by learning about Be-Bop & the music of Charlie Parker. #NCGME #MusicChangesLives

Happy #MIOSM! In 1963 the Beatles had to perform without John Lennon because he had a cold. Celebrate today by performing with two other people as a trio. #NCGME #MusicChangesLives

March 13

Happy #MIOSM! In 1995 Boyz II Men won a Soul Train Award. Celebrate today by learning about Boys II Men. Compare and contrast various vocal ensembles. #NCGME #MusicChangesLives

March 14

Happy #MIOSM! In 1993 The Dave Mathews Band performed a benefit concert for the Middle East Children’s Alliance. Celebrate today by reflecting on how you can use music to help others. #NCGME #MusicChangesLives

March 15

Happy #MIOSM! In 1968 LIFE Magazine calls Jimi Hendrix the “most spectacular guitarist in the world”. Celebrate today by playing the guitar, learning about Jimi, or another famous guitar performer. #NCGME #MusicChangesLives

March 16

Happy #MIOSM! In 1974 the 1st performance was held at the new Grand Ole Opry. Celebrate today by learning about the Grand Ole Opry & listening to Opry member’s recordings. #NCGME #MusicChangesLives

Happy #MIOSM! In 2011 the US Postal Service released five “Latin Music Legends” stamps. Celebrate today by learning about performers featured on stamps and listen to their music. #NCGME #MusicChangesLives

March 17

Happy #MIOSM! In 1984 Van Halen’s “Jump” reached No.1 on the US charts. Celebrate today by listening to “Jump” & learning about how electric instruments have been used in popular music. #NCGME #MusicChangesLives

Happy #MIOSM! In 1919 American Jazz pianist Nat King Cole was born in Montgomery, AL. Celebrate today by learning how technology was used after his death to create the duet “Unforgettable” with his daughter Natalie Cole. #NCGME #MusicChangesLives

March 18

Happy #MIOSM! In 1992 Donna Summer received a star on Hollywood's Walk of Fame. Celebrate today by learning about and listening to Donna Summer's music. #NCGME #MusicChangesLives

March 19

Happy #MIOSM! In 1962 Bob Dylan released his debut album. Celebrate today by learning about how Dylan's music has been used in social & political movements. #NCGME #MusicChangesLives

March 20

Happy #MIOSM! In 1990 singer Gloria Estefan fractured her spine. A year later she released the single "Coming Out of the Dark" to celebrate her return to the music industry. Celebrate today by learning more about Estefan and her influence on Latin Music. #NCGME #MusicChangesLives

March 21

Happy #MIOSM! In 1964 Judy Garland gave a legendary performance at Carnegie Hall. Celebrate today by learning about important performance venues throughout America. #NCGME #MusicChangesLives

Happy #MIOSM! In 1685 Johann Sebastian Bach was born. Celebrate today by learning about Bach's vocal music. You could even perform a Bach chorale! #NCGME #MusicChangesLives

March 22

Happy #MIOSM! In 2018 the Broadway musical "Frozen" opened in NYC. Celebrate today by performing your favorite song from Frozen. #NCGME #MusicChangesLives

March 23

Happy #MIOSM! In 1743 "The Messiah" premiered in London. Celebrate today by learning about George Fredric Handel. #NCGME #MusicChangesLives

March 24

Happy #MIOSM! In 1965 Bobby Darin, Harry Belafonte, & Peter, Paul & Mary take part in a protest against voter discrimination in Montgomery, AL. Celebrate today by learning about music of the Civil Rights Movement. #NCGME #MusicChangesLives

March 25

Happy #MIOSM! In 1983 Motown Records celebrated their 25th anniversary with an all-star concert. Celebrate today by learning about Motown. Share your favorite Motown song with someone. #NCGME #MusicChangesLives

Happy #MIOSM! In 1942 Aretha Franklin was born. Celebrate today by listening to "Respect". #NCGME #MusicChangesLives

Happy #MIOSM! In 1947 Sir Elton John was born. Celebrate today by listening to “Candle on the Wind” and discuss how he changed the song after Princess Diana died. #NCGME #MusicChangesLives

March 26

Happy #MIOSM! In 1982 Paul McCartney & Stevie Wonder released their single “Ebony & Ivory”. Celebrate today by learning about other famous musical collaborations. #NCGME #MusicChangesLives

Happy #MIOSM! In 2019 *Billboard* removed “Old Town Road” from the Hot Country Charts because it didn’t embrace enough elements of country music. Celebrate today by learning about famous collaborations between Hip-Hop artists and other musical artists. #NCGME #MusicChangesLives

Happy #MIOSM! In 2019 *Billboard* removed “Old Town Road” from the Hot Country Charts because it didn’t embrace enough elements of country music. Celebrate today by discussing with someone what elements make a song belong to one genre or another. #NCGME #MusicChangesLives

March 27

Happy #MIOSM! In 1945 Ella Fitzgerald & the Delta Rhythm Boys record “It’s Only a Paper Moon”. Celebrate today by learning about scat singing & Ella Fitzgerald. #NCGME #MusicChangesLives

Happy #MIOSM! In 1948 Billie Holiday performed to a sold out crowd in Carnegie Hall. Celebrate today by learning about Billie Holiday & the importance of Carnegie Hall. #NCGME #MusicChangesLives

March 28

Happy #MIOSM! In 1986 Lady Gaga was born in NYC. Celebrate today by comparing & contrasting Lady Gaga’s “Born the Way” to “Cheek to Cheek” from her collaboration with Tony Bennett. #NCGME #MusicChangesLives

Happy #MIOSM! In 1928 W.C. Handy died in New York. Celebrate today by learning about the Blues. If you have time, learn the 12-bar blues & perform it using an instrument or technology. #NCGME #MusicChangesLives

March 29

Happy #MIOSM! In 1795 Ludwig van Beethoven had his debut performance as a concert pianist. Celebrate today by reflecting on your first musical performance. Share your thoughts with a friend. #NCGME #MusicChangesLives

Happy #MIOSM! In 2005 Mariah Carey released “We Belong Together”. Celebrate today by learning more about the career of Mariah Carey. #NCGME #MusicChangesLives

Happy #MIOSM! In 2019 Billie Eilish released her debut album. The album won several Grammys awards. Celebrate today by exploring other Grammy winning recordings.
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March 30

Happy #MIOSM! In 2018 Kacey Musgraves released her fourth studio album. Celebrate today by learning about women in Country music. #NCGME #MusicChangesLives

Happy #MIOSM! In 1966 Barbra Streisand starred in her own TV special. Celebrate today thinking about your favorite musical moment on TV. Share your thoughts with someone.
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March 31

Happy #MIOSM! Today is the last day of Music in Our Schools Month for 2020. Don't let the celebration end! Make music every day! Listen to your favorite music, find new music, & support music in and out of school. #MusicChangesLives! #NCGME