



## **We Brought Music Back!**

Natomas families gathered together on the last sunny Sunday of September to mark the official kick-off of our "Bring Music Back" program. Before the show, children were invited to an "Instrument Petting Zoo" where musicians from the Camellia Symphony Orchestra helped them explore different instruments. It was a magical experience for everyone...just look at the pictures above! Once seated inside the Natomas High School theater, the symphony performed beautiful works from Tchaikovsky's "Sleeping Beauty" and Prokofiev's "Peter and The Wolf" acted out with wonderfully expressive puppets. Children were dancing in the aisles!



The Natomas Schools Foundation is committed to this project for so many reasons. Research studies have shown that music in education improves school attendance, self-esteem, self-discipline, early cognitive development, creativity and spatial reasoning skills. In addition, students who play an instrument have also demonstrated accelerated math and reading abilities, higher SAT scores, and builds overall brainpower. As if these weren't reasons enough, studies go further to show that students involved in music are less likely to be involved in gangs, drugs or use of alcohol. Moreover, children ENJOY it!



## **Integra Telecom**

Integra Telecom donated a whole host of school supplies to the Foundation. Goodie bags were filled with construction paper, calculators, pencils, markers...everything a student would need. American Lakes was the lucky school to receive this round of supplies and we would all like to extend a big THANK YOU to Integra!



## **You Can Help**

If your business is interested in supporting the students of Natomas through a donation of much-needed school supplies, please contact Lisa Rojas at [lrojas@natomasfoundation.org](mailto:lrojas@natomasfoundation.org).

Remember, donations of time and talent are welcomed as well! We invite you to join us in transforming the community of Natomas into a premiere locale for educational excellence and

innovation. For more information about our Foundation and the work that we do, please visit our website!



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