



Music with Mr. Sebert

If you've been hearing some wonderful sounds and symphonies coming from the 4th Floor Elementary hallway – you might want to stop by Mr. Sebert's room and put your ear against the door. On any given day, you will hear some interesting percussion, some chanting, or singing – as Mr. Sebert transforms his students into choirs and ensembles – all through the gift of music.



Mr. Sebert has been teaching music at RIS for over 15 years. Originally from the Philippines, he graduated with a degree in Music Education from the University of San Agustin and specialized in vocal and instrumental arrangements. Mr. Sebert humbly gives praise to the subject of Music itself, as the motivator for his students to learn. "Students like music, and as a result – it is very inspiring and fulfilling for me to have the opportunity to teach it."

Mr. Sebert believes the Elementary grades are important to help establish a love of music that will carry a student through Middle

and High School. He credits a well-rounded approach to teaching music and International Curriculum standards that work on creativity and motor skills – eventually encouraging students to compose their own music. "They just like music," says Mr. Sebert, "They love to create."

When asked about his wishes for the future of music at RIS, Mr. Sebert gets a little more philosophical. "I don't wish...I see how the students improve," he says with a smile, and continues. "RIS is a music-minded school that is different.

It's the spirit of RIS, the students and the parents...RIS is different from other schools I think, and it's always easy to find new and fun ways to teach music that the kids will like."

So far this year, Mr. Sebert's music students have performed for the entire school at assemblies, special events, and celebrations. In Dec, Mr. Sebert's music class performed at the Christmas Show with his percussion ensemble, and an after-school group of singers.

Thank you Mr. Sebert!

