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Kiwanis Club sponsors the *It's Elementary* program

Santa Rosa Symphony and Santa Rosa Kiwanis team up to teach music at Monroe School

(SANTA ROSA, CA) — In a time when schools are hard hit by budget cuts and school arts programs are losing funding, it is important for community groups to step-in and assist. The Kiwanis Club of Santa Rosa is partnering with the Santa Rosa Symphony to bring the *It's Elementary* program to James Monroe School in Santa Rosa. *It's Elementary*, a Music for Our Schools program of the Santa Rosa Symphony, will be presenting a series of classical music assemblies featuring Santa Rosa Symphony musicians, a daily music listening program, and free admission to the Santa Rosa Symphony Discovery Rehearsal Series to all students and teachers, as well as tools for teachers to incorporate more music into their daily curriculum.

Monroe Elementary School currently feeds into Hilliard Comstock Middle School, which recently had to cancel its band program. The hope is that the *It's Elementary* program can help inspire students at Monroe to become interested in music, take up an instrument, and be able to reinvigorate the middle school music program. The Kiwanis Club of Santa Rosa is dedicated to helping the children of the greater Santa Rosa Area and beyond and will provide a portion of the funding to make this program possible for Monroe School. The Santa Rosa Symphony welcomes other interested sponsors.

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