

September 30, 2009

## **Notes from the Music Room**

On October 23<sup>rd</sup> Harrington will host Abdou Sarr and Tony Vacca for a day of Senegalese dancing and drumming. We are very grateful to FOLMADS (Friends of Lexington Music Art and Drama Students) for funding this special day.

Abdou and Tony traveled with Mrs. Stumpf during her professional development trip to Senegal last February. Abdou is a fantastic Senegalese dancer who taught two styles of African dancing to the participants of the trip. He also served as guide, translator and friend to all in the group. Tony is a fabulous percussionist who is the American part of the Senegal-American Project. He also traveled with the group to Senegal and added his many experiences in Africa to this special trip. He visited Harrington three years ago with Massamba Diop and spent the day making music with our students in exiting and creative ways. Tony and Abdou are part of Arts Are Essential, an organization that supports and enriches arts in schools.

On October 23<sup>rd</sup> the day will begin with an assembly for the entire school followed by classes for grades 2-5. This will be a unique opportunity for students to experience the culture of a different country in a personal and participatory way.