

# CLANCY'S CLICHES



The music around this place is pretty fantastic. From the rounded deep vowels of a boisterous "Jambo" to the enlivened lilting line of an "Oh, Padre!" it is a linguistic symphony that envelops the offices at St. Leo.

And then there's the fugal instrumentation: just get Luz, Obed, Jake, and the rest of the gang together in the hallway or the kitchen! Beethoven, you got nothing' on St. Leo!

"Musical training is a more potent instrument than any other, because rhythm and harmony find their way into the inward places of the soul, on which they mightily fasten, imparting grace, and making the soul of him who is rightly educated graceful."--Plato

Music has a lot to teach us. For one, the only way to finish a song is to start it NOW even if you don't know how you're going to arrive at the finished destination. Get your musical car in gear; set your GPS and it will take you there.

Then there's dissonance—that surprising yet acceptable tension coming at the oddest moments, interrupting the beautiful melodic strains of life. The more exposure to these different, zany, conflicting sounds, though, the better one can attune themselves to the uniquely individual tones of those seemingly ugly sounds to a resolution that can be handled harmoniously. The challenge of life's discordant sounds is preparation for the challenges of life, and the appropriate response to its conflicts. A valuable musical lesson, indeed!

Finally, duets and ensembles impart great tutorials on how to work with one another. You can either just do it your own way, or look at the newness of the partner's way. And listen. Truly listen. There's always something to learn through different eyes and ears. What a gift, if you have an openness to it.

For my Coda, I'd like to share a quote from Gustav Mahler: "What is best in music is not to be found in the notes." Truly, what is best in life is the multitude of choirs that surround us! Arf Arf!



## MAY'S MARVELS & MARBLES

- May 2: Brothers & Sisters Day. Hey, Jake, let's celebrate!
- May 5: Cinco de Mayo.
- May 6: No Diet Day (we celebrate that every day around here—especially if Cookie Man stops by!)
- May 8: Iris Day—one of my fave flowers, too!
- May 16: Wear Purple for Peace Day.
- May 28: International Jazz Day. Bop-de-bop!

Howlin's hootn'; Growlin's not gooten!



— Clancy

## CLANCY'S CACKLES



Knock, knock! Who's there? Ooze. Ooze Who? Ooze joining the Hunger Walk Team with me???

1. What did Elvis sing at the animal shelter? **You Ain't Nothin' But A Pound Dog!**
2. What kind of music do old clothes like best? **RAGtime!**
3. What's the best way to find a screeching rock star? **With a Heavy Metal detector!**
4. What kind of music do Kentucky landscapers listen to? **Bluegrass!**
5. Why did the cat get the Pandora app? **She like all kinds of MEW-sic!**
6. Why did the fish make such a good musician? **He knew all his scales!**