

Mrs. Wersky has been a credentialed music teacher in the Sacramento Region Capitol Section for 33 years. This is her 29th year teaching elementary and junior high band, choir, and jazz band in the Eureka Union School District in Granite Bay/Roseville. She earned her BM in Flute Performance and BA in Voice from CSU Sacramento and her Masters in Education from Lesley College. While flute is her primary instrument, she has also frequently performed as a percussionist with the Sierra Nevada Wind Ensemble over the past 15 years. Elaine Wersky is an active member of the California Music Educators Association and California Band Directors Association. Over the years, she has served on the Capitol Section Board as the Collegiate Rep, Secretary, and the Middle School Band Rep for the Capitol Section Middle School Honor Band. Mrs. Wersky has directed several regional honor bands, including the All Northern Junior High Honor Band, and was involved, first as a teacher for 20 years and then another 10 years as the Director of Music at Donner Mine Music from 1990-2019, a camp that remains very dear to her heart today. In 2020, Mrs. Wersky was honored as the CMEA Capitol Section Music Educator of the year.

My husband Don (a now-retired band director) and I have been happily married for 35 years. We have two grown sons (Mitch and Cole), a daughter-in-law (Mitch married Jules in June 2020), one cat named Bonsai and an amazing dog named Misa. Our dog is completely indulged, so yes, I'm a dog-person. In addition to my love for music and teaching, I am passionate about yoga, gardening on my acre that I have designed and cultivated for over 24 years, and an enthusiast of adventure in the outdoors (running, biking, backpacking, swimming, camping, etc). I am an avid collector of heart rocks (well, lots of rocks, really) and enjoy creating repurposed garden art for the garden. I love the mountains and the ocean and escape to them often. I take my role as a music educator seriously, but I don't take myself too seriously. I'm silly, sometimes awkward, colorful and a bit of an Energizer bunny. I talk too fast even though I try not to. I find joy in small victories and small kindnesses. I care about being kind to others. I care about my students. I celebrate diversity and honor people living their personal truth. If you have concerns, I am a person who would like to talk through them to see if we can make things better. So if you've read this, you now know more about me as a teacher and a human being. I hope to know your child as a student and a human being as well. Thank you for the opportunity to share music with your family.