

WALKING ON SUNSHINE VIDEO PROJECT!

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Welcome to your own DIY video project: singing and dancing to the song *Walking on Sunshine*, open to all Pierce students and with a special choreography lesson by our 2020 Chorus Choreographer, Abigail Ripon. If you choose to join this adventure, you'll fight back against social distancing by putting your smiling video-selves on the same screen with your friends, sharable on parent-approved social media or other. You can do this solo, with a sibling, or coordinate with friends and edit everyone's video together. It's all up to you!

This project involves learning the song and Abigail's choreography, then video recording yourself and making your own video. Editing multiple videos into one can be done in iMovie.

Here's what to do:

1. See who wants to do this with you. I suggest a maximum of 6 kids per group but can be any number from 2-6. Make sure everyone is on board and pick a leader who will check in with everyone to make sure it's getting done.

3. Visit www.piercemusictracks.com/Sunshine and listen to our 1.5 minute mix of the song, as originally recorded by Katrina and the Waves. You'll also see a pdf of the lyrics – pull those down and memorize then. You can also download an MP3 from this site if you want to play the song from your computer or phone. But if you're going to learn Abigail's

choreography you *must* use this MP3 because it has been trimmed to a shorter length than the versions you'll find elsewhere.

4. Click bit.ly/sunshinepierce for Abigail's video, where she shows and teaches you the choreography for the song. You'll want to learn it as she teaches it.

5. After that, you start making recordings of your dance and of you singing the song. Here are some options:

Option 1: Just turn the music up loud, sing and dance. Works great!

Option 2: Record your dance and vocals separately, recording voice with headphones on so the music doesn't leak into the vocal track, then edit them together in iMovie.

Option 3: Either of the above with friends, compile the videos in iMovie and have a great looking dance video!

This project should be about fun and not feel like an assignment or a "must do."

Sharing videos of children online is a touchy subject and we ask that you please not post these on any social media without the consent of all parents. We don't want to subject kids to snarky comments or the judgements of trolls or other online dangers. Vimeo is one service that has password protection for videos, in case you want to try that.

Finally, Abigail Ripin designed the choreography and made the instructional video you'll watch and carved out a lot of time from her BU studies for this. If you'd like to show your appreciation (and motivation to do more) in the form of a donation directly to her, you can send money to her via PayPal at aripin@bu.edu, with our thanks.

Please let me know if you have any questions!

Phil