

## Kids Face The Music

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Photo Courtesy of Little Kids Rock  
*Students from PS 11 in Highbridge practice on their guitars donated by Little Kids Rock program. Music consultant group Face the Music is hosting a free blues workshop at the school.*

Public School 11 in Highbridge will turn into a true "School of Rock" today.

About 100 fourth- and fifth-graders enrolled in the Little Kids Rock program are receiving a special visit from professional music consultants that usually work with big corporations.

This time, the consulting group Face the Music will bring its services to host a workshop teaching elementary school kids how to play the blues - for free.

"We're bringing in a band and we're going to help the kids write blues songs about whatever issues they want to identify," said Paul Kwiecinski, managing partner of Face the Music and a bass player.

"It's a way of starting a discussion on a whole new level," he added.

The business paired up with Public School 11, one of 35 schools in the Bronx enrolled in Little Kids Rock, because of the dedication of music teacher and self-proclaimed hippie Eddie Hager.

"This is a total Woodstock - the effect is the same," Hager said. "We are musicians in concert, it is the most empowering feeling in the world, and it just makes kids wanna wake up and go to school."

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