



TARPEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to the new school year. We are pleased to inform you that all students in grades 5 and 6 will have the opportunity to be part of a unique Buchanan Area Elementary Performing Arts Program for the 2015-16 school year. Through the collaborative efforts of Buchanan Area music teachers and administrators, we are embarking on a new journey to provide access for all students in grades 5 and 6 to participate in either instrumental or choral music.

This team deployment model will insure maximum utilization of instructional minutes while providing access to exemplary music education. This approach will provide access for all students to performing arts, which is aligned and articulated with the music continuum for grades 1-12. **Every fifth and sixth grade** student will select one choice **choir, band, or orchestra**. A team of music teachers will provide these programs twice weekly for 45 minutes to the entire grade level on **Tuesday** and **Thursday**. There are no financial responsibilities for student's to participate in any of these programs.

Please join us in welcoming the following music teachers to the Tarpey Educational Team:

Jason Kuyper (Band), John Withrow (Orchestra) and James Tasy (Choir)

During the first week of school, our music team will provide an opportunity for your child hear about their program. Please realize this is a yearlong commitment and students will not be allowed to switch once they have been placed in a music program. Again, we are very excited to offer this opportunity to all of our 5th and 6th grade students as part of their academic education at Tarpey Elementary. Additional information will be provided by the instrumental and choral music directors as needed.

Sincerely,

Tachua Vue, Ed. D.

Principal

Please complete and return the following to your teacher by Tuesday, August 30th.

Name: _____ Grade: _____ Room Number: _____

Please discuss the best music program choice for your child and rank them in order of preference using 1 as their first choice and 3 as their least favorite choice of the three programs. Please also rank in order your preference the instrument choices for each music program (Choice 1 is not guaranteed and placement will be dependent on availability and class size).

_____ Band (flute____, clarinet____, saxophone____, trumpet____, trombone____, baritone____, percussion____, tuba____)

_____ Orchestra (violin____, viola____, cello____, bass____)

_____ Choir (vocal music)

****If you own or rent an instrument, please circle the instrument above. You will be playing this instrument for that specific program this year. If you do not own or rent an instrument and use one of our school provided instruments, you may get the instrument you would like to learn or another instrument depending on availability.**

Tachua Vue, Ed. D., Principal

Sharron Vermillion, Guidance Instructional Specialist – Senior Resource Teacher

Randy Downer, Guidance Instructional Specialist – Senior Resource Teacher

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