

May 10, 2017

Dear Parents of Future 5th Grade Student:

As your student finishes the current school year, we are beginning to prepare for next year. You and your child will have a choice regarding his/her 5th grade Fine Arts class for the 2017-18 school year. This letter will provide you with descriptions of your student's options for next year.

Before completing your choices, please note the following:

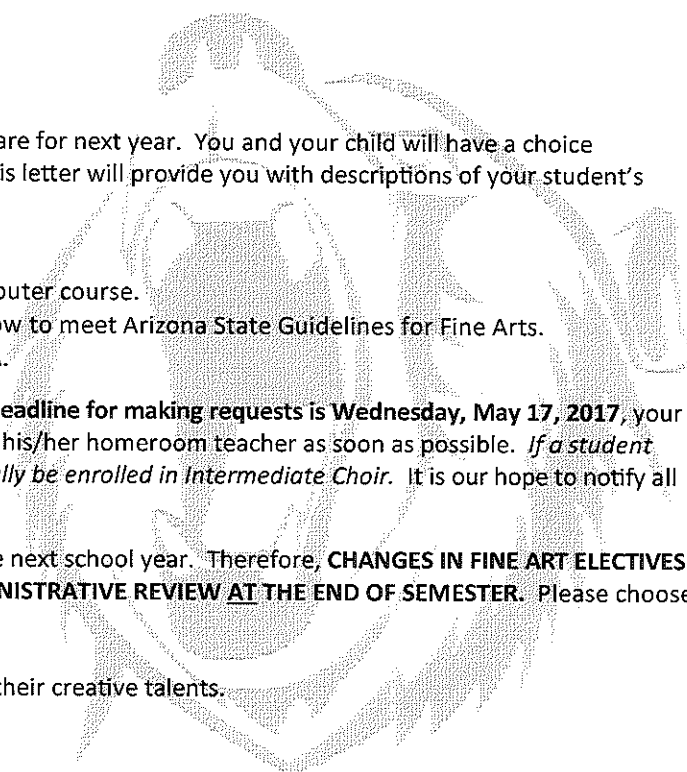
- All students will automatically be enrolled in a PE, Art, and Computer course.
- All students will enroll in ONE Fine Art Elective course listed below to meet Arizona State Guidelines for Fine Arts.
- The Fine Arts Elective course is **calculated into your student's GPA.**

First, review the options available to all future 5th graders. Although the **deadline for making requests is Wednesday, May 17, 2017**, your student will want to complete and return the lower portion of this form to his/her homeroom teacher as soon as possible. *If a student does not return a completed form by May 17, 2017, he/she will automatically be enrolled in Intermediate Choir.* It is our hope to notify all students of their 2017-2018 placement prior to summer break.

Please note, all schedules will be computerized before the beginning of the next school year. Therefore, **CHANGES IN FINE ART ELECTIVES DURING THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR WILL ONLY BE ALLOWED BY ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW AT THE END OF SEMESTER.** Please choose carefully.

It is our hope that each student uses this opportunity to begin developing their creative talents.

Mr. Fritz Maynes— Principal



### Fine Arts Course Descriptions

#### Music: Beginning Chorus

This course is designed for all interested students who have a desire to sing for an audience and have fun creating music as a part of a team. Beginning Choir members will learn to read music, develop and refine their personal and ensemble vocal and choral skills, and prepare to perform as a group for our school and community. **Evening performances are required** during the school year for Chorus students. Chorus is a participatory class; therefore, grades are based upon student participation, preparedness, and **attendance at evening concerts**. At home practice is expected as needed. This course meets up to 4 days in the 6-day rotational week.

#### Music: Beginning Band

This course is designed for any 5th grade student interested in learning how to perform with a group on one of the following instruments: flute, clarinet, alto saxophone, trumpet, baritone, or trombone. Beginning Band will help students as they work to develop beginning technical skills and musicality. This course is a **performance-based class**. Students are **required to participate in regular, at-home practice and attend concerts & events**. Students will be required to obtain their own instrument, concert attire, and a lesson book. Grades are based on meeting daily rehearsal objectives, playing tests, attendance at required performances, and evidence of practice. This course meets up to 4 days in the 6-day rotational week. *Any interested student who has NOT participated in Beginning Band will need to contact the instructor prior to signing up.*

Instrument Rental: Zuni Hills has a limited number of instruments available to rent to qualifying students. A family may rent the instrument from Zuni Hills for a one-time fee of \$50, which covers the entire school year. Please see the instructor for school instrument rental requests. Families may also choose to rent instruments through local music stores.

Please choose the elective you are most interested in for the 2017-2018 school year. Complete & return this form to your student's homeroom teacher by Wednesday, May 17, 2017.

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Student Name (first & last name)

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Current Homeroom

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's Email

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's Phone Number

Please mark a "1" next to your preferred music class. If you would like to participate in both Band & Choir, then mark a "2" next to your second choice.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Beginning Chorus**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Beginning Band** Instrument: \_\_\_\_\_

*\* All school instrument rental requests need to be submitted separately to the instructor.*

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Student Signature & Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature & Date

May 10, 2017

Dear Parents of Future 6th Grade Student:

As your student finishes the current school year, we are beginning to prepare for next year. You and your child will have a choice regarding his/her 6th grade Fine Arts class for the 2017-18 school year. This letter will provide you with descriptions of your student's options for next year.

Before completing your choices, please note the following:

- All students will automatically be enrolled in a PE, Art, and Computer course.
- All students will enroll in ONE Fine Art Elective course listed below to meet Arizona State Guidelines for Fine Arts.
- The Fine Arts Elective course is **calculated into your student's GPA.**

First, review the options available to all future 6th graders. Although the **deadline for making requests is Wednesday, May 17, 2017**, your student will want to complete and return the lower portion of this form to his/her homeroom teacher as soon as possible. *If a student does not return a completed form by May 17, 2017, he/she will automatically be enrolled in Intermediate Choir.* It is our hope to notify all students of their 2017-2018 placement prior to summer break.

Please note, all schedules will be computerized before the beginning of the next school year. Therefore, **CHANGES IN FINE ART ELECTIVES DURING THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR WILL ONLY BE ALLOWED BY ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW AT THE END OF SEMESTER.** Please choose carefully.

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Mr. Fritz Maynes— Principal

### Fine Arts Course Descriptions

#### Music: Intermediate Chorus

This course is designed for all interested students who have a desire to sing for an audience and have fun creating music as a part of a team. Intermediate Choir members will learn to read music, develop and refine their personal and ensemble vocal and choral skills, and prepare to perform as a group for our school and community. **Evening performances are required** during the school year for Chorus students. Chorus is a participatory class; therefore, grades are based upon student participation, preparedness, and **attendance at evening concerts.** At home practice is expected as needed. This course meets up to 4 days in the 6-day rotational week.

#### Music: Intermediate Band

This course is designed for the student who has already completed the Beginning Band program or the equivalent of 1-2 years of private instruction. Intermediate Band will expand on skills taught in Beginning Band, working to develop mastery in technical skills and musicality. This course is a **performance-based class.** Students are **required to participate in regular, at-home practice and attend concerts & events.** Students will be required to obtain their own instrument, concert attire, and a lesson book. Grades are based on meeting daily rehearsal objectives, playing tests, attendance at required performances, and evidence of practice. This course meets up to 4 days in the 6-day rotational week. *Any interested student who has NOT participated in Beginning Band will need to contact the instructor prior to signing up.*

Instrument Rental: Zuni Hills has a limited number of instruments available to rent to qualifying students. A family may rent the instrument from Zuni Hills for a one-time fee of \$50, which covers the entire school year. Please see the instructor for school instrument rental requests. Families may also choose to rent instruments through local music stores.

Please choose the elective you are most interested in for the 2017-2018 school year. Complete & return this form to your student's homeroom teacher by Wednesday, May 17, 2017.

Student Name (first & last name)

Current Homeroom

Parent's Email

Parent's Phone Number

Please mark a "1" next to your preferred music class. If you would like to participate in both Band & Choir, then mark a "2" next to your second choice.

Intermediate Chorus

Intermediate Band

Instrument: \_\_\_\_\_

*\* Please see instructor prior to making an instrument change. All school instrument rental requests need to be submitted separately to the instructor.*

Student Signature & Date

Parent Signature & Date

May 10, 2017

Dear Parents of Future Junior High Student:

As your student finishes the current school year, we are beginning to prepare for next year. You and your student will have choices regarding his/her 7th & 8th grade Fine Arts class for the 2017-18 school year. This letter will provide you with descriptions of your student's options for next year.

Before completing your choices, please note the following:

- All students will automatically be enrolled in a PE course & TLC course.
- All students will enroll in ONE Fine Art Elective Course listed below to meet Arizona State Guidelines for Fine Arts.
- The Fine Arts Elective course is calculated into your student's GPA.

Attached to this letter, you will find a Fine Arts Enrollment Form 2016-2017 for you and your student to review and complete. Although the **deadline for making requests is Wednesday, May 17, 2017**, your student will want to return the attached form to his/her homeroom teacher for approval signatures as soon as possible.

*If a student does not return a completed form by **May 17, 2017**, he/she will automatically be enrolled in General Arts Experience.* It is our hope to notify all students of their 2017-2018 placement prior to summer break.

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## Fine Arts Course Descriptions

### General Arts Experience

This course is designed for students to creatively explore the arts in a variety of ways. Instructors will be providing experiences that might include: painting, group improvisation in acting & music, trash can & bucket percussion, composition, creative writing, and constructive feedback techniques. This class allows students to experience a little bit of everything and find enjoyment in what each discipline has to offer! This course **meets 1 day** in the 6-day rotational week; students will rotate to a new arts teacher every nine weeks. Students will be graded on participation, attitude, and attendance. **Students will need to acquire a set of drum sticks.**

### Art: Advanced Art

This course is designed as a culmination of art skills to be used in preparing for high school art. Drawing, painting, print making, and exploration of the 3-D form are the areas of focus to improve technical skills and artistic expression. More finished pieces will be required than in the Visual Art course. Students will be identified to participate in this class by the art teacher based on student's artwork. *All artwork can be kept by the teacher for up to one year after completion of the class. New students to Zuni Hills may petition the art teacher to enter this class after showing a previous artwork portfolio or sketchbook.* This course **may meet up to 3 days** in the 6-day rotational week. **This class has LIMITED availability. No student is guaranteed a seat in this course.**

### Music: Advanced Chorus/ Show Chorus

This course is designed to give students who love to sing an opportunity to hone their vocal techniques. Music for this course will be fun, challenging and explore a variety of styles. The course will focus on proper technique, vocal production, and will give opportunities for solo singing. **Participation is required in a variety of special events that might fall outside of school hours**, such as school assemblies, evening performances, and the Liberty High School Feeder Festival. Grades are based upon student participation, preparedness, and **attendance at performances**. This course meets up to 4 days in the 6-day rotational week. **This class has LIMITED availability. No student is guaranteed a seat in this course.**

### Music: Advanced Band

This course is designed for the student who already has 2-3 years of band experience or the equivalent of 2-3 years of private instruction and will expand on skills taught in previous ensembles, working to develop mastery in technical skills and musicality. This course is a performance-based class. Students are required to participate in regular, at-home practice and attend concerts & events. Students will be required to obtain their own instrument, concert attire, and a lesson book to be in Advanced Band. Grades are based on meeting daily rehearsal objectives, playing tests, attendance at required performances, and evidence of practice. This course meets up to 4 days in the 6-day rotational week. **This class has LIMITED availability. No student is guaranteed a seat in this course.**

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