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Dear Superintendents, Principals, and Music Teachers,

The Elementary Division of the Mississippi Music Educators Association is "Knocking it out of the P.A.R.K." by sponsoring professional developments throughout the 2023-2024 school year.

These workshops are designed to foster continuing teacher education and professional growth by providing new ideas, materials and teaching strategies that may be implemented in the classroom. The workshop locations and dates are listed below:



MMEA FALL WORKSHOP DATES AND LOCATIONS SEPTEMBER 27, 28, AND 29, 2023 8:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.



Wednesday, September 27

Northern Division

Maples Memorial UMC
8745 Goodman Rd.
Olive Branch, MS 38654

Caysee Sanders, Chair
Caysee.sanders@dcsms.org
662-549-4645

Thursday, September 28

Central Division

Mississippi College
Aven Fine Arts Building
200 West College St.
Clinton, MS 39056

Karen Berger, Chair
kberger@pearlk12.com
601-906-2895

Friday, September 29

Southern Division

Pascagoula Performing Arts Center
2104 Tucker Ave.
Pascagoula, MS 39567

Haley Lane, Chair
hlane@pgsd.ms
228-990-2128

Please call the above numbers, in your area, if you need directions to the facility.



This year's clinician is

Lisa Hewitt is the music specialist at Westbrooke Elementary School in Orange County, Florida. She holds a BME from Stetson University/DeLand, FL. Her education also includes post-Level III (Master Class) Orff Schulwerk Teacher Education, and World Drumming Level I. Lisa attended the International Summer Course at the Orff Institut in Salzburg, Austria in 2018 and Spain Orff in Madrid, Spain in 2019. Her responsibilities with the American Orff-Schulwerk Association (AOSA) include attending the annual International Orff Forum Conference in Salzburg where she presented in 2019. Lisa organized and implemented the first All-State Orff Ensemble in the nation as the FMEA All-State Orff Coordinator for the Florida Music Education Association in 2016. After a short sabbatical to take on national work, she was appointed Co-Coordinator of the FMEA All-State Orff Ensemble. Lisa has presented in several states and at the AOSA Professional Development conference.

Registration for the workshop is \$45.00 for MMEA members, \$75.00 for non-members; and \$20.00 for college students. Add \$15.00 for late or on-site registration. Lunch will be own your own. You may pre-register for the workshop in your area. Please complete the pre-registration form and return it to the chairperson of the workshop you are planning to attend. The deadline for pre-registration is September 15.

Please make checks, money orders, or purchase orders payable to MMEA. Payments are to be mailed to the address on the registration form. Teachers signing up for CEU's must attend the entire workshop to receive credit. CEUs will also be available for purchase on site only.

The Mississippi Music Educators Association is affiliated with the National Association for Music Educators (NAFME) and all music teachers are encouraged to support their professional organization. Applications for membership will be available on-site at the workshop. Please make membership checks payable to NAFME. Membership is \$120.00 annually.

School administrators, please consider the fall workshop as an opportunity for professional development for your music teacher(s). If it is possible for the school district to provide membership fees, registration fees, and/or a professional day for your teachers, this workshop will be a worthwhile use of time and money.

Please make plans for your music instructor(s) to attend. If there are any questions concerning this workshop, please contact me at 601-500-0688 e-mail at: pthompson@madison-schools.com

MMEA and ACDA joint State Conference and Workshop will be held January 18-20, 2024.

Sing'cerely,

Princess Thompson

Princess Thompson, President

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