



KNOCKING IT OUT OF THE P.A.R.K.



IN THE ELEMENTARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI MUSIC EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION

Hoppy "Almost" Spring Elementary Educators!

March/April 2024



**Princess Thompson,
MMEA Elementary President**

Hi Elementary Music Educators! We had an amazing time at State Conference. If you were not able to attend, I encourage you **NOW** during Music in Our School Month (MIOSM) to ask your administrators about funding for next year's state conference. With that being said, "Hoppy" MIOSM to all! The purpose of MIOSM is to raise awareness of the importance of music education for all children and to remind citizens that school is where all children should have access to music. MIOSM is an opportunity for music teachers to bring their music programs to the attention of the school and the community, and to display the value that school music brings to students of all ages. Here are some MIOSM resources.

Please be sure to take time to vote for an incoming President-Elect. Voting will close on 3/15.



Congratulations



Elementary Honor Choir Chair-Elect

Congratulations to our Honor Choir Chair-Elect, Caysee Sanders! She is currently in her 11th year of teaching elementary music in Desoto County Schools. She has the privilege of teaching Pre-K through 5th grade students in North Mississippi. Caysee will take the position of Chair on July 31, 2024.



Elementary Honor Choir Co-Chair Elect

Congratulations to our Honor Choir Co-Chair Elect Dr. Bobby Helms. He is currently the Director of Choral Activities and Theatre at Copiah-Lincoln Community College, Artistic Director of the Mississippi Boychoir, Director of the Lincoln County Choral Society, and the Director of Music Ministry at Faith Presbyterian Church in Brookhaven. Bobby will take the position of Co-Chair on July 31, 2024.

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Central Office

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Ole Miss Tupelo, Cafeteria

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Insight Park, Seminar 2

Fee \$50 (to be paid at the event)
1.2 CEUs available for purchase (\$15)

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Save the Date

September 25-27, 2024
Elementary Division Fall Workshops
Northern (25th), Central (26th), and Southern (27th)

January 23-25, 2025
MSMEA State Conference
University of Southern Mississippi

NEW TEACHERS

New teachers (or those who have been teaching 5 or fewer years), please fill out the survey by Friday, March 22nd about interest in an “Year in Review” meeting to reflect and ask questions.

SURVEY

Wow! It’s hard to believe that in a few days, we will be in the last 9 weeks of school. There is so much to be done in so little time. Please take the time to vote for the Elementary Division Handbook and an Incoming President-Elect. Let’s finish strong.

Princess Thompson

MMEA Elementary Division President