



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



IN THE ELEMENTARY DIVISION OF THE MISSISSIPPI MUSIC EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION

Greetings Elementary Educators!

March 2023



**Princess Thompson,
MMEA Elementary President**

In just a few short days we will all be together. I cannot wait to learn from our Elementary Clinician Allen Moody and all the conference speakers. I know it will be both educational and memorable.

Our All-State Honor Choir Chair and Co-Chair have been working hard to make sure all choristers have music and that all teachers are "in the know". We've had a curveball thrown our way.

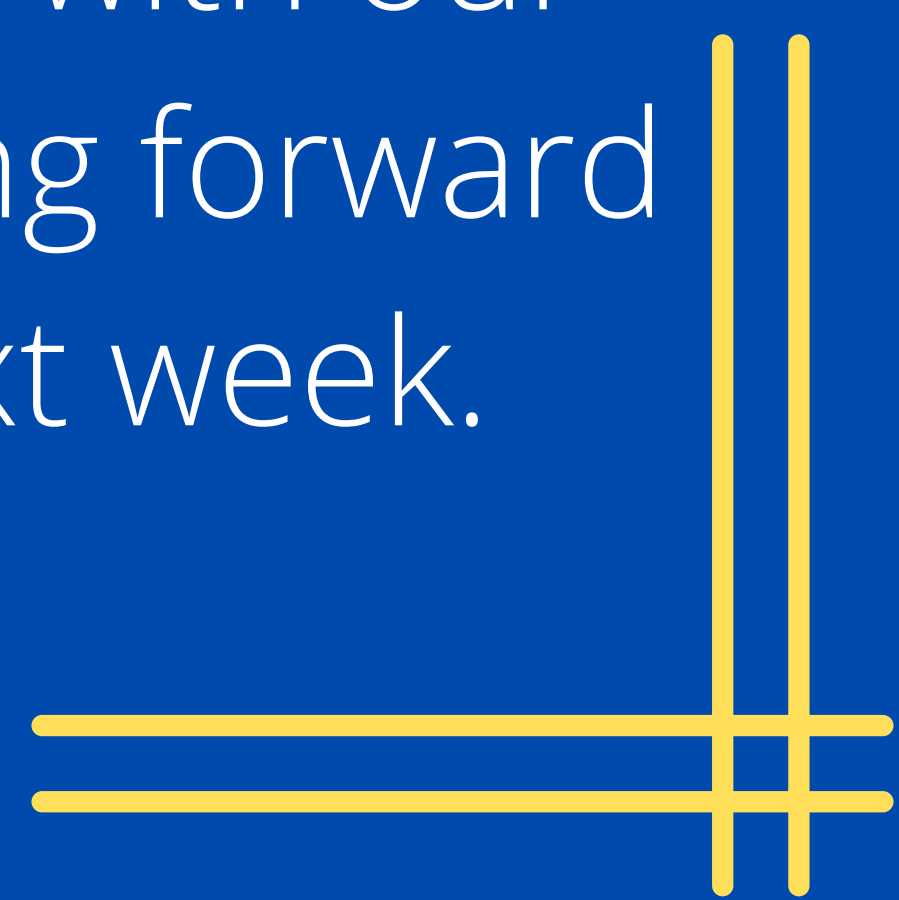
Tom Shelton had a medical emergency arise and is regrettably unable to be with us. No need to worry, Celia and Joey have already knocked it out of the park by working overtime to find us a clinician that is both familiar with the repertoire, but one that will also work with our precious choristers. Looking forward to seeing each of you next week.

NEW All-State Honor Choir Clinician

Fred Meads



Fred Meads holds several roles in the Westrick Music Academy organization. He serves as Education Director of Westrick Music Academy, Conductor of two choirs in Princeton Girlchoir and Music Director of the Princeton Boychoir. Previously he was Director of Vocal Studies at the American Boychoir School for nine years. Fred Meads is enjoying his twelfth year on the staff of Westrick Music Academy.



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P. is for PROFESSIONALISM



Orff Workshops and PD
The Power of Purposeful Play
MSU
April 15th, 8:30a.m.-2:30p.m.

Orff Levels

Jackson State University
27th Orff-Schulwerk Summer Certification Course

July 10-21, 2023 – Level I, II, III
July 10-14, 2023 Masterclass Course
For more info:

<https://www.jsums.edu/music/orff-schulwerk-summer-music-institute/level-i/>

A. is for Advocacy

The Elementary Handbook is being worked on. Our plan is to have it out by summer.

R. is for Rededication
Pay your membership dues today!
We need you!

K is for "Konnection" We need your help!

Please sign-up to bring instruments on the Sign-Up Genius [here](#) or reach out to President-Elect Tab Ash Keeton at tab.keeton@gmail.com

We want to make sure the Elementary Division is recognized at the luncheon. Please let us know who in your district has received Teacher of the Year ([here](#)) and any funny awards we could give out. :)



2024 MMEA Mid-Winter Conference Dates

[January 18-20, 2024](#)

Mark your calendars now.



Thank you all for what you do for music education. Please be sure to sign up to bring instruments to Conference and also fill out the form for Elementary awards to be given during the luncheon.

OH HOW I LOVE A THEME. AN AWARD GOES TO THE TOP 2 BEST BASEBALL THEMED TEACHERS AT THE ELEMENTARY DIVISION MEETING ON THURSDAY.

Continue Knocking it Out of the P.A.R.K. throughout the school year. See you all soon.

Princess Thompson

MMEA Elementary Division President