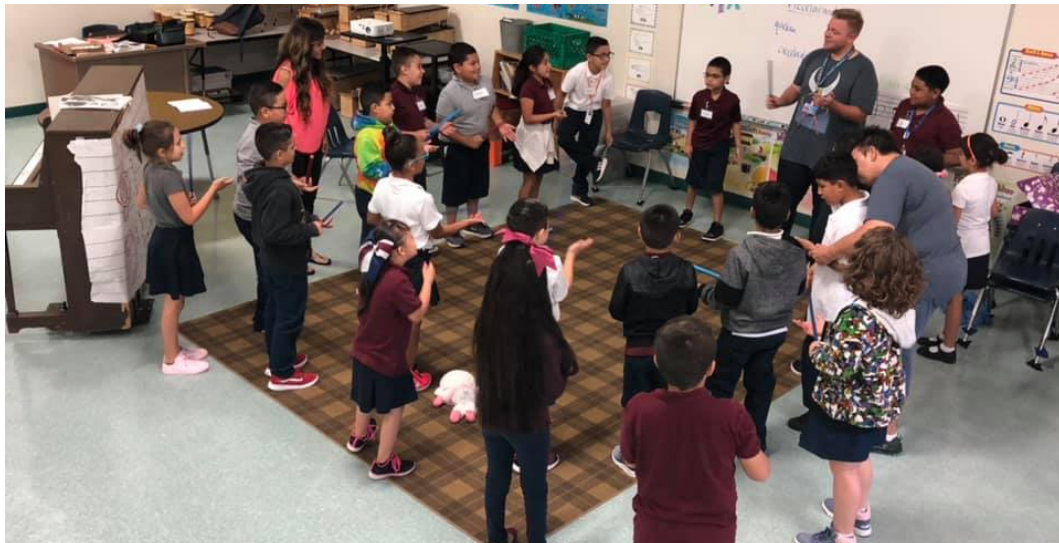


Warren Elementary

OMA Newsletter

August 9th, 2021



Welcome back Warren Families!

We are beyond excited to be working with your students again this year in OMA. What is OMA, you might ask? OMA stands for Opening Minds through the Arts. Recently, we were given the title of being an OMA Gold school, meaning that we are able to offer a fully integrative fine arts program to all of our students at Warren!

This past year, our students showed some incredible resilience online, and we believe that the arts played a huge role in that. This year, we are eager to get back in the classroom and work with your students in *music, visual art, dance, opera, band, orchestra, and choir*. On the next page of this letter, please find some dates to add to your calendar!

by Joshua Floyd, OMA AIS @ Warren



All Warren Families

OMA will be starting during the week of August 16th. We will be starting with visual art - which can be seen later in the school or immediately on our facebook page once finished.

<https://www.facebook.com/tusdWARREN>

Open house will be ***on August 18th***. Mr. Floyd, the OMA and Band teacher, will be around campus in the MPR (your kids might call it the Wildcat room or the OMA room). If you have questions or want to meet me, please come by!

Choir will be offered to all of our students this year. Participation is optional, but encouraged! Choir will be happening during the school day on Mondays for our younger students (kinder-2nd grade) and Mondays and Thursdays for our older students (3rd-5th grade). We will be practicing social distancing and will be masked during indoor rehearsals. Choir will be starting ***on August 23rd*** and there will be a holiday concert performed by these students. Please be on the lookout for a permission slip sent home during that week!

3rd Grade Families

Our students will be taking Recorder Karate this year as the main form of their musical instruction. This will be starting during September - so be on the lookout for more information

5th Grade Families

Our students will be given the choice of either participating in Beginning Band or Orchestra this year. Band will be led by Mr. Floyd while Orchestra will be led by Mr. Brown. Instrument demonstration will be happening in the students classes ***on Monday, August 9th*** and an interest form will be handed out during this assembly. Instruments will be assigned during the week ***of August 16th*** and instruction will start during the week ***of August 23rd***.

Please come by during the open house if your student would like to participate in band this year.

I am looking forward to working with our amazing students and families again at Warren this year! If you have any questions, you can contact me through the following:

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