



WELCOME

Welcome! I am looking forward to a great year for the Music Technology program at Central Park Elementary School. The Music Technology program is designed to give students an opportunity to experience learning instrumental music through the use of music keyboards and computers. The students will learn about music theory, composition, performance of music, and music history. We are currently using computer programs such as Music Ace, Sibelius, and piano music from Alfred Publishing. We also have various music software programs from other music companies.

Each student will participate in the Music Technology program at Central Park for one 35-40 minute lesson per week during school. This lesson will consist of a group piano lesson and individual projects using the computers in the Music Lab. Full cooperation is expected from each student because of our limited time for class. Sometimes the schedule may change if students are on field trips, in programs, have benchmark testing or other activities with their regular homeroom class.

There is no charge to be in the class. Students do **not** have to have a computer, a keyboard, a piano, Internet access or other supplies to participate in the class.

INSTRUMENTS and COMPUTERS

Students will learn to play music on a Yamaha electronic piano keyboard. The keyboards, cables and headphones are expensive and should be treated with extreme care. Once the students have progressed through the computer programs learning to read piano notes, they will learn how to begin playing the keyboard. We will use the Alfred Basic Piano Library Lesson Book Level 1A and other Alfred Method Books, Theory and History workbooks. Any student having a piano or electronic keyboard to practice at home should be encouraged to practice so they might progress through the music programs at a faster pace.

The computers, like the music keyboards, must be handled with extreme care at all times. We have 'Windows 7' computers in the Music Lab. Students should not pull on headphones, cords or cables or 'punch' the keys on the computers or keyboards. Students may only work on the program that the teacher assigns to them. ANY damage to the computers, programs, headphones or other equipment by the student will be documented immediately and the parents will be responsible for repair or replacement charges. If the students cooperate by following instructions, there should be no problems.

ASSIGNMENTS / GRADES

The students will complete lessons on the keyboard and computer in class each week related to reading music notes and rhythms, music history and theory, and learning to write simple music melodies. An electronic portfolio is also prepared with student work and compositions later in the school year.

Students will receive a grade on their report card each nine weeks for Music Technology Class. A good grade includes satisfactory student participation in music performance, computer lab records or portfolios, worksheets and quizzes.

CONDUCT

Students in the Music Technology program must have **excellent** conduct at all times. If a student disrupts the class by talking, getting out of their seat without permission and disturbing other students working in the lab, the class will fall behind. Time is very limited to learn about music and to perform well. We would like to learn as much as possible in music this year. The student must follow directions at all times in the computer lab. If a student constantly interrupts class, he or she may be sent back to their regular class for that session. We are a TEAM working together to learn more about music, and we need everyone to participate willingly at all times!

CLOSING

I am very excited about working with you and your child this year. I hope that you will **encourage and support** your child to practice every day and to work hard in music and in academic work also. If you need to get in touch with me, please leave messages in my mailbox at school (or email me through the school websites) and I will call you (or email you). I know that this year is going to be a wonderful year and that your child will learn a lot about music and have a great time learning more about keyboards and computers.

Sincerely,

Ms. K. Garrett, Instrumental Music Technology / Webmaster (Email kgarrett@musictechteacher.com)

Music Tech Lab Rules

- TAKE CARE OF THE EQUIPMENT IN THE MUSIC TECH LAB! Treat all materials with care. No food, drinks or candy are allowed in the Music Tech Lab.
 - Do not touch or play any instrument (keyboard or computer) except the one assigned to you.
 - Come in to class quickly, quietly, and be prepared to work together.
 - Do not talk or get out of your seat without permission. (The more disruptions we have, the less time we have to practice.)
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(2) FORMS TO SIGN AND RETURN FOLLOW THIS PAGE:

1) Information Form

Please read the Music Tech Information and sign the form, along with your child. Please include the grade and homeroom for your child.

2) Use of Photographs / Academic Works / Media

Please sign and return the **Use of Photographs / Academic Works / Media** form to Ms. Garrett. This is the same form that you signed during school registration, but a copy is needed for the Music Tech Lab also. The form is a permission slip that allows students who have written music or who perform well in class to display their work or post the work on the website (or in magazines or on TV if we are asked to do this).

Signing the form does **not** mean that the students' work will be on the school website, in a magazine or on local TV stations, but it gives permission in case we get to do something like this for the media.

Thank you,
Ms. K. Garrett
Instrumental Music Technology / Webmaster
www.musictechteacher.com

Central Park School Music Technology Program 2011-2012

Please read, sign and date this page (**both parent and child**). Return this page stating that you and your child have read the Music Technology Information letter for Central Park School. Keep the other pages for your reference.

Parent's First and Last Name and Relation to Student (PRINT and SIGN)

Student's First and Last Name (PRINT and SIGN)

Address / Zip / Phone Number

CURRENT HOMEROOM TEACHER for 2011-2012 _____

GRADE _____

DATE _____, 2011

EMAIL (Please Print Clearly) →

Please include your name, your child's name and class when sending email or leaving messages for me. Thank you.

Home Survey

This confidential survey will help me determine what equipment is available for students to complete assignments at home.

Do you have a computer at home with a CD drive? NO / YES

Do you have Internet access at home? NO / YES

Do you have a piano? NO / YES

Do you have an electronic piano keyboard? NO / YES

Do you have a CD player (plays regular audio CD's)? NO / YES

Has your child had any instruction in Keyboard or Piano lessons? NO / YES

Birmingham City Schools

Division of Integrated Technology Programs and Services
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Central Park School, Music Tech Teacher and Weebly Sites



INSTRUCTIONS - Use of Photographs / Academic Works / Media

A signed release is required for any photograph or academic work used on the *Birmingham City Schools* World Wide Web site. A release is also required for students that are interviewed for television, newspapers, videos, magazines or other media.

Release Form - Please select the appropriate release by placing a check (✓) in box adjacent to the applicable statement.

(Student) I hereby authorize the *Birmingham City Schools* or its representatives, to photograph, digitize, or otherwise preserve in permanent form my likeness and/or image as well as any example of my academic works through television, news, magazines or other media.

(Parent) I hereby authorize the *Birmingham City Schools* or its representatives, to photograph, digitize, or otherwise preserve in permanent form my child's likeness and/or image as well as an example of my child's academic works through television, news, magazines or other media.

I agree that any such likeness and videos may be used and reused in whole or in part for multimedia productions, Internet distribution, illustration, promotional purposes, and/or educational distribution as deemed fit by *Birmingham City Schools*.

I also understand that once my/my child's image is posted on any *Birmingham City Schools* Web Site, the image can be downloaded by any computer user internal or external to the school system. Therefore, I agree to indemnify and hold harmless from any claims I also release *Birmingham City Schools*, and its officers, agents, faculty, and employees from any and all claims based on the below named minor's likeness or use of likeness of such and agree to hold *Birmingham City Schools* harmless from any and all claims by third parties, including any claim based on allegation of copyright infringement from his/her likeness.

(Parent Name - Please Print)

(Date)

(Address)

(City, State, Zip)

If completing this form for a minor, please read and sign the following: I hereby warrant that I am of full age and have every right to contract for the minor in the above regard. I state further that I have read the above authorization, release and agreement, prior to it's execution, and that I am fully familiar with the contents thereof.

(Minor's Name)

(Date)

(Address)

(City, State, Zip)

(Parent Signature)

Please CHECK (✓) One:

Father

Mother

Guardian