Presentation for

Blue Valley Parent Advocates for Gifted Education

Janelle Brower, Performing Arts Education Services
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Parents of Talented (and not so talented) Gifted students.

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BVNW Chamber Singers
Performing “Ranpano” by Sydney Guillame, March 28, 2016
Jack Oxley, Videographer
Music is more than just a collection of sounds or melodies; it is its own language… it helps the musician express those feelings and emotions that no other language can express,…

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“The arts are an essential element of education, just like reading, writing, and arithmetic… music, dance, painting, and theater are all keys that unlock profound human understanding and accomplishment.”

– William Bennett, Former US Secretary of Education
• **Blue Valley Arts**

• Benefits

• Program offerings

• Identifying and developing talent

• Supporting your child

Our learning...
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Inherent Benefits

• Multiple Ways of Knowing
  • (visual, aural, kinesthetic + linguistic, mathematical)
• Emotional Awareness
• Reflective Learning
• Process Orientation
  • introspection, evaluation, analysis
• Grit

Benefits of the Arts
21st Century Skills

- Creativity
- Collaboration
- Communication
- Critical Thinking

Benefits of the Arts
"Essentially, what they are learning is how to work with each other and support each other onstage.

To be a good leader, you have to listen to everyone, and to be a good actor, you have to listen to and support everyone onstage as much as yourself."

Christine Kelly, Lecturer at MIT Sloan Business Management
Academic Achievement

• Higher Grade Point Averages
• Higher Attendance and Graduation Rates
• Spatial Reasoning Abilities
Benefits of the Arts

www.broaderminded.com

Fills Gaps

• Students Lagging Behind
• Engagement
• Transcending Socioeconomic Levels
Brain Development
• Processing Sound and Staying Focused

“Studies have shown that diligent instrument training from an early age can help the brain remain focused when absorbing other subjects, from literature to tensor calculus.”

- Scientific American, 2010
Blue Valley Teachers

• Meet every student where they are.
• Move students as far as they can go.
• “Where interest meets talent.”
• Opportunities built in.
• No IEP required.

Identifying and Developing Talent
• Let your child be the guide.
• Be a supportive listening ear.
• Provide opportunities to explore.
• Determine your philosophy.
  o “Should I require my child to practice?”
“...Getting to work with other talented and driven individuals to make music is all about being part of something bigger than you, which is why I love it.”

• Danny Lovell – BVW Grad, attending KSU majoring in Math and Science

Part of something bigger than you...
Course Offerings

Elementary School Courses

General Music
- General Music – K
- General Music - 1
- General Music - 2
- General Music - 3
- General Music - 4
- General Music - 5

Band
- 5th Grade Beg. Band

Strings
- 4th Grade Beg. Strings
- 5th Grade Band

Middle School Courses

Band
- 6th Grade Beg. Band
- 6th Grade Adv. Band
- 7th Grade Band
- 8th Grade Band

Strings
- 6th Grade Beg. Strings
- 6th Grade Adv. Strings
- 7th Grade Strings
- 8th Grade Strings

Vocal Music
- 6th Grade Vocal Music
- 7th Grade Vocal Music
- 8th Grade Vocal Music

Speech and Drama
- 6th Grade Speech and Drama
- 7th Grade Speech and Drama
- 8th Grade Speech
- 8th Grade Drama

High School Courses

Debate
- Debate
- Advanced Debate
- Argumentation and Debate

Forensics
- Forensics
- Advanced Forensics

Speech
- Speech I
- Speech II

Drama
- Beginning Acting
- Advanced Acting
- Beginning Repertory Theatre
- Advanced Repertory Theatre
- Beginning Stagecraft
- Advanced Stagecraft

High School Courses

Band
- Freshman Band
- Marching/Symphonic Band
- Concert Band
- Jazz Ensemble I
- Jazz Ensemble II – pending BOE approval

Strings
- Concert Orchestra
- Symphonic Orchestra

Vocal Music
- Concert Choir
- Choraliers
- Symphonic Choir – pending BOE approval
- Chorale
- Chamber Singers

Music Interpretation
- Dance Team

Music Theory
- Music Theory
- Honors Music Theory
Elementary School

**General Music**
- General Music – K
- General Music - 1
- General Music - 2
- General Music - 3
- General Music - 4
- General Music - 5

**Band**
- 5th Grade Beg. Band

**Strings**
- 4th Grade Beg. Strings
- 5th Grade Band
General Music, Gr. K-5
Strings, Grade 4 and 5
Band, Grade 5
**Middle School**

**Vocal Music**
- 6th Grade Vocal Music
- 7th Grade Vocal Music
- 8th Grade Vocal Music

**Strings**
- 6th Grade Beg. Strings
- 6th Grade Adv. Strings
- 7th Grade Strings
- 8th Grade Strings

**Band**
- 6th Grade Beg. Band
- 6th Grade Adv. Band
- 7th Grade Band
- 8th Grade Band

**Speech and Drama**
- 6th Grade Speech and Drama
- 7th Grade Speech and Drama
- 8th Grade Speech
- 8th Grade Drama

- 6th Grade students choose band/strings or choir. (A/B classes). Speech/Drama is part of Explo Wheel.
- 7th and 8th music - full year elective. Speech/Drama one semester.
“My time spent in the performing arts in Blue Valley has allowed me to become a leader, a team member, and a hard worker, which are assets that translate far beyond music.”

Emily Lorenzo, BVN grad, KU Chemistry Major

“leader, team member, hard worker…”

EDUCATION SERVICES   PERFORMING ARTS
Band, 6-8
Strings, 6-8

EDUCATION SERVICES  PERFORMING ARTS
Choir, 6-8

EDUCATION SERVICES  PERFORMING ARTS
Speech and Drama, 6-8

EDUCATION SERVICES  PERFORMING ARTS
Strings
Concert Orchestra
Symphonic Orchestra

Vocal Music
Concert Choir
Choraliers
Symphonic Choir
Chorale
Chamber Singers

Band
Freshman Band
Marching/Symphonic Band
Concert Band
Jazz Ensemble I
Jazz Ensemble II

Music Interpretation
Dance Team
Music Theory
Music Theory
Honors Music Theory

High School - Music
Band
Freshman Band
Marching/Symphonic Band
Concert Band
Jazz Ensemble I
Jazz Ensemble II

Band, 9-12

EDUCATION SERVICES  PERFORMING ARTS
Strings
Concert Orchestra
Symphonic Orchestra

Orchestra, 9-12
Vocal Music
Concert Choir
Choraliers
Symphonic Choir
Chorale
Chamber Singers

Vocal Music, 9-12
Music Interpretation
Dance Team

Music Theory
Music Theory
Honors Music Theory

Music Theory
Dance
Speech
Speech I
Speech II
Drama
Beginning Acting
Advanced Acting
Beginning Repertory Theatre
Advanced Repertory Theatre
Beginning Stagecraft
Advanced Stagecraft

Speech and Drama
9-12
Debate and Forensics, 9-12
Speech
Speech I
Speech II

Drama
Beginning Acting
Advanced Acting
Beginning Repertory Theatre
Advanced Repertory Theatre
Beginning Stagecraft
Advanced Stagecraft

Speech and Drama
9-12
“GE hires a lot of engineers. We want young people who can do more than add up a string of numbers and write a coherent sentence. They must be able to solve problems, communicate ideas and be sensitive to the world around them.

Participation in the arts is one of the best ways to develop these abilities.”

– Clifford V. Smith, President of the General Electric Foundation
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