

WHY THE ARTS

The arts play a crucial role in the holistic development of students-fostering creativity, critical thinking, and emotional expression. Engaging in artistic activities enhances problemsolving skills, encourages innovative thinking, and provides a unique avenue for self-discovery and communication. Plus, students get to build a community around their passion with their peers!

BEAR TONES HISTORY

From two years ago until now, we've hit major milestones at PGES! We can't wait to hit more this year with all our amazing students.

THE BEGINNING

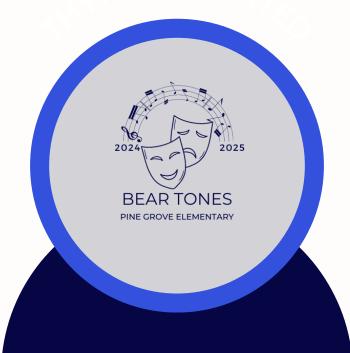
We started out as 8 students & two teachers with a dream to bring the performing arts to Pine Grove!

- SPRING FLING 8 NIGHT OF THE ARTS

 By the end of our first year, we had 14 students perform at our Spring Fling and first-ever Night of the Arts!
- BEAR TONES THEATRE EMERGES

 At the start of the 23-24 school year,
 Bear Tones expanded to put on our
 first theatre production- The Little
 Mermaid
- At the end of last school year, we successfully put on our first production to raving reviews from the community and finished our chorus concert off strong with over 20 performers!

THE SHOWS GO ON!



BEAR TONES CHORUS & THEATRE PROGRAMS

PINE GROVE ELEMENTARY

ABOUT BEAR TONES

Bear Tones is a chorus & theatre program outside of school hours that offers the 4th & 5th graders of Pine Grove Elementary and the 6th-8th graders of West Hernando Middle the opportunity to explore their interests in singing & theatre with a like-minded group of their peers!

OUR DIRECTORS

CHRISTOPHER ROCANELLI CO-DIRECTOR & ARTS TEACHER



Chris Rocanelli is no stranger to the stage. He has been participated in over 25 productions on stage and off. Chris has been teaching theatre and directing since he is in high school. This will be his 3rd year as Co-Director of Bear Tones. He enjoys sharing his passion for the arts especially with our younger students. He believes the arts are an important part of our educational journey and loves sharing in the excitement in creating live performance!



KIMBERLY MORSE CO-DIRECTOR & CHOREOGRAPHER

Kimberly Morse is a 25 year old lover of the arts who enjoys sharing her passion for performance with her students! This is her third year with Bear Tones as the co-director, conductor, and choreographer. She has been seen in eight productions (soon to be nine), participated in chorus from 6th-12th grade, and danced from the ages of 3-21.

THE ARTS BEAR ONES

THEATRE &

CHORUS

We are committed to bringing the joy of the performing arts to the students of Pine Grove Elementary & West Hernando Middle School!

Students- This could be you! If you've ever wanted a chance to see yourself on stage while spending time weekly with your friends doing something you love, we urge you to take this opportunity to try it out. We'd love to have you!



OPPORTUNITIES WITH BEAR TONES

Chorus- Fridays 8:00-9:00 AM (for 4th & 5th Grade Only): If you love to sing, chorus is for you! In chorus, we sing our hearts out to many fan favorites as a group while learning basic techniques to make our singing better. This opportunity is *perfect* if you're considering joining chorus in middle school as the techniques we practice are those you'll use in middle school too.

Theatre-Tuesdays 4:45 PM-6:00 PM (for 4th-8th Grade): This year we've chosen to perform Seussical the Musical! Auditions will be held towards the beginning of the school year. You must audition (meaning you're willing to sing & act by yourself and complete a dance audition) to participate in the musical. Once you receive your role, you will be responsible for learning all your lines, songs, and choreography. Don't worry! Your friends & directors will be there every step of the way to help you! If you're a star in the making- this opportunity is perfect for you!

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