Dear Principal,

Your music teacher recently received an invitation from the Idaho Music Educators Association (IMEA) and Idaho Orff Schulwerk Association to participate in a unique music education opportunity for elementary students grades 4th-6th, parents and their music teachers. This amazing performing event for our students and their families will be occurring for the very first time in Idaho Jan. 29th-Feb. 1st, 2020 only the second time in the entire United States.

The Idaho Orff-Schulwerk Board is proud to sponsor The Inaugural Idaho Honor Orff Ensemble in collaboration with the 2020 Idaho Music Educators Association (IMEA) All-State Conference at Northwest Nazarene University in Nampa, Idaho. Selected Students will rehearse and perform with nationally recognized clinician and American Orff Schulwerk (AOSA) president Lisa Hewitt while meeting and making memories with peers from across our state.

This Idaho Honor Orff Ensemble will perform during the annual professional development conference of the IMEA Saturday, February 1st, mid-day at the NNU campus. Each Elementary music teacher who is a member of IMEA or AOSA may recommend up to 10 students for the ensemble. Your music teacher is required to follow the official IMEA written procedures for recommending these students and have these materials available for your review.

IMEA and AOSA strives to provide relevant and energizing professional development opportunities for music teachers and their students. This All-State Honor Orff Ensemble is a shining example of one such service to membership. There are some expenses involved and we hope that you will assist your parents and your music teacher in securing funding for deserving young musicians from your school.

Upon acceptance, students need to pay $155 total- Non-refundable by November 22, 2019. This expense covers two full days of high-quality rehearsals with a nationally recognized director and the opportunity to perform with other exceptional musicians. Also included are accompanist, sheet music, rehearsal recordings, lunches, snacks and a T-shirt.

In order for your music teacher and students to participate in the All-State Orff Ensemble, your enthusiastic support will be necessary.

Thank you for that support, feel free to visit idahoorff.org or email idahoorff@gmail.com

Sincerely,

The Idaho Orff Schulwerk Board