

“Since the beginning of time, children have not liked to study. They would much rather play, and if you have their interests at heart, you will let them learn while they play” – Carl Orff

Thanks to a generous donation from the Panther Pride Foundation, learning music notation is a hit! The music room at Central Elementary School received a learning enhancement grant to purchase Boomwhackers, a tuned percussion tube that comes in 8 different pitches, and the Boomwhacker Beatz program. Through this program students are introduced to color-coded notation that corresponds with the color of their instrument. It is a great resource for students to build on the basic rhythms they have learned to create actual songs that they can perform. Reading music notation is typically a concept mastered in middle school, but this new program is making it accessible to younger students and giving them an opportunity to create new music. This new program helps us meet 4 different music national standards: we are playing instruments, composing new melodies, reading notation, and improvising.



