



PTO GIFTS PROGRAM

Requests for PTO Funding 2017-18

Any teacher, parent, or student who has a request for funds from the PTO must fill out this form. Please answer these questions as thoroughly as possible, providing supporting detail and information. When completed, please return to the administration at either school by **Monday, October 23, 2017.**

1. Define your request:

Our music room needs a music rug! While we do currently have a blue square carpet, a music rug will brighten the room, making it more engaging, as well as provide a myriad of music lesson opportunities.

Music is inherently tied to movement, and students need an opportunity to move and find the rhythm in their bodies. Every student at Middlefork needs boundaries to learn, but not necessarily hard, plastic chairs. The answer: a music rug! This request is for a beautiful, multicolored, durable, classroom rug (see attached picture). The rectangular rug is 10'x13' and will stretch across the center of the classroom. Along the outside of the rug, the design has 24 different colored rectangles, just the size for a student sitting cross legged. On this rug, our kindergarten through third grade students will sit in class "circles" as we learn and share instruments, rhythm, songs and ideas. Sitting together on our music rug will help students focus and the rectangular shape of the group will make many, many music learning activities and games possible.

This rug even comes with a book of learning games, where the rug can be used as a game board. I've attached a picture of the contents from the book. Students can work on note name recognition, music symbols, dynamics, tempo, duration, even composing on the giant staff in the middle! It is a marvelous life-sized teaching tool.

2. **Amount requested:** This beautiful rug costs \$851.28 plus free shipping if we purchase through Amazon.
3. **Can this project be funded in stages? If yes, what timetable is involved? If no, please explain your due date for funds.** No, This is a lump sum purchase.
4. **Has this request been reviewed by the school administration? What was their response as to its merit and priority?** Yes, I've reviewed this with Dr. Greene and she is supportive of this purchase.
5. **Number of Students that will be impacted or benefit from your request:** This rug will benefit every single student at Middlefork School for years to come. Besides providing a comfortable place to sit, it also enhances our music room with engaging color, helps every student to learn and review music symbols in a very physical way, and comes with a book that provides many games to be played that will engage students at all levels.

6. Is this a one-time request or do you envision needing additional PTO funds in the future or long range? If you will require additional PTO funds, please explain why this cannot be added into your annual budget. This is a one-time request. I'd imagine this rug lasting many many years.

7. What is the intended goal of your request? Would it have any other uses or applications? Is this a start up program or is it enhancing an existing program? Use additional paper if needed.

The goal of this request is to enhance and beautify our music room with color and comfort and curriculum-associated graphics that both provide a space for engaged learning and also help our students learn musical symbols in a very creative and life-sized way.

8. What are the long range benefits of your request? I envision this rug becoming an integral part of our music classroom, most importantly, enhancing instruction and engagement on a daily basis. It also provides a colorful "homey" atmosphere, where students feel comfortable and relaxed, which benefits learning.

9. If you are requesting a capital asset/investment, please provide a minimum of two options/pricing quotes on the item and attach to this form. Please identify your first choice and why. See attached options/pricing quotes. My first choice is through Amazon, where the rug costs \$851.28, and shipping is free. Theme and Variations for approximately \$749 (shipping is an additional \$172) is a bit more expensive, though I do like this company, because I've purchased from them before and they have excellent customer service.

10. Have you exhausted all other funding options before coming to the PTO Gifts Program? My only other option to fund this rug is my own music classroom budget and the purchase of this rug would exhaust my entire yearly budget (leaving no money for the purchase of music or recorders), so that option is impractical.

Thank you so much for the time and consideration you give to help ALL teachers,
Shawna Rosen