



Dear Parents and Community Members,

In December, Lexington Middle School opened a theater on campus. It has quickly become a center for teaching. The facility is a wonderful setting for the arts, as well as, for the academics. We are so excited to have been able to add this facility, which seats 420, to our campus and believe that it completes our mission to prepare our students for the future. I do firmly believe that all lessons are not taught within the covers of a textbook; much is to be learned from the arts and involvement in the performing arts. Not only will the theater be used by our school, but we have already hosted numerous community activities and have more posted for the future.

We are still in need of several items to complete our furnishings. I am asking for your support and assistance with this, because I know that the Lexington community has long been a supporter of the arts and understands the value of it in our day-to-day life. Many of you believe that the arts enhance life and the enjoyment of daily life. Because I trust that you understand my vision, I am appealing to you for assistance.

Let me be specific as to my goals for the theater. We have a full size stage with a floating floor which provides support for dancers as well as other entertainers. I would like to put a baby grand piano on this stage. I have priced pianos and looked at them for not only size but tone, touch, and cost. We are now working with Hannah Music Company of Columbia to purchase a Yamaha C3 for \$19,999 + tax. This is a used piano that comes with a 10 year warranty. I feel this is a good and sound investment for our school. I also need risers for our chorus students. The ones that we have are at least 25 years old and are very heavy, hard to move, and do not meet safety codes. For a chorus our size, the risers cost \$11,000. We have raised \$4,000 to date, so as you can see, I am still in need of additional funds.

We will post a keyboard showing the first 88 who have donated \$200.00 in the theater. At present we have 18 keys purchased. (All gifts have not been for \$200.00.) We have established the following categories:

Friend of the Arts – less than \$200

Keys to the Arts - \$200

Encore - \$210 - \$300

Concerto - \$301 - \$500

Symphony -\$500 and above

Please help us by supporting our performing arts programs as the legacy of excellence continues. I encourage you to call if you have questions, concerns, or would like a tour of our facility. Lexington Middle School is very proud of the addition and very grateful to our school district for its support which made this facility possible.

Contributions should be sent to:
Lexington Middle School Theater Fund
702 North Lake Drive
Lexington, South Carolina 29072

Again thank you for your support. Please share this information with anyone who is a supporter of the arts.

Sincerely,
Laura S. McMahan
Principal