

## Parent Testimonials

"A music program in a child's education is as important as mathematics, language, or geography. The Mesa Verde Music Program provides this essential part of a proper education for our children."

-Pierce Verleur

"My son loves everything about the music program at Mesa Verde. The hard work and challenge to keep improving the whole unit and one's self while in a positive environment is a must for any child. This is the program!"

-Jim Cowan

"Mr. Gray and the music program at Mesa Verde has inspired our daughter to learn to play and read music for two instruments this year. She has developed a keen appreciation for music in a very short time and now practices on her own time for the fun of it!"

-Sean & Cindy Cooper

"We have been incredibly impressed with Mr. Gray and the award-winning music program he runs at Mesa Verde. Our son had a very limited musical background, but he has come so far this year as a musician under Mr. Gray's guidance. It has greatly enriched his middle school experience!"

-The Joensuu Family

"My daughter Kelsey started playing the violin when she entered the 6th grade at Mesa Verde. She has taken the strings class for each of her 3 years at Mesa Verde. Kelsey had no prior music instruction. It's amazing what can be learned in a year's time. It's even more amazing to listen to the whole orchestra when all the instruments are put together. The music program at Mesa Verde is a wonderful part of Middle School."

-Jeanette Nagai

"Daniel is thoroughly into the music at home. Playing the bass in Mesa Verde Jazz Band is one of his favorites, and makes his school more enjoyable."

-Jeong-Sun Moon

"When my son told me that he wanted to take music class at Mesa, I was a bit apprehensive. Turns out that I had nothing to worry about. My son loves playing the viola as much as he does golf. The fact that Mr. Gray can take 150 middle schoolers and turn them into these really talented musicians is miraculous and inspiring. I couldn't be more pleased."

-M.Mendoza

"Band has been a phenomenal experience for my son, Jacob, who is in 6<sup>th</sup> grade. He is loving the experience of beginning band and jazz band. We are so impressed with how quickly he is learning to play the clarinet. Mr. Gray is doing an amazing job."

-Annette & Paul Warren

"My daughter loves being a part of the Strings Orchestra. She enjoys the Music Department's program and says her teacher makes learning fun. She's also made some great new friends."

-Sandy Renteria

"Even entering the program with zero musical instrument experience, Band became a favorite class! Learning in a fun and upbeat environment not only taught the instrument and an appreciation for music, but has a camaraderie that formed many lasting friendships throughout the years!!!"

-Julie Flores