5th Graders,

Please view the provided <u>VIDEO</u> which shows how to select your electives for next school year using the provided <u>Google Form</u>. You will only be able to use this form to select your elective classes until Sunday, June 14th, so make sure you pick your electives soon. You will be choosing from the following two options. Both options include physical education.

OPTION 1: Year-Long Elective Classes

These classes meet every other day and alternate with physical education. If you choose to take one of these classes, you will only <u>select one</u>.

- Band (510600)
- Orchestra (510601)
- Choir (510630)

OPTION 2: 10-Week Classes

These classes meet every day for 10 weeks. You will <u>select two</u> of these courses. For the remaining 20 weeks, you will take physical education every day.

- Exploring Language (500603)
- Keyboarding (501603)
- Introduction to Art (506603)
- Exploring Technology (508603)

Here is some additional information about the elective classes.

Exploring Language (10 weeks) provides a brief introduction to several languages (Spanish, French, Arabic, German, and Sign Language). Ms. Martinez currently teaches this class.

Keyboarding (10 weeks) is our introductory computer course. The primary focus of this course is typing and how to properly format different documents (school papers, letters, etc.). Mr. Cifaldi currently teaches this class.

Introduction to Art (10 weeks) is currently taught by Ms. Atkinson. Students will explore both 2 and 3-dimensional art. Projects will explore use of color and shading. Sketching, painting, and using repurposed materials have all been included in this class.

Exploring Technology (10 weeks) focuses on designing and building products. The class uses the shop and the adjacent computer lab. Students will use some hand tools in this class. Ms Fulton currently teaches this class.

Band and **Orchestra** are instrumental music classes currently taught by Mr. Kwiecien. These are performance based classes and students are expected to participate in several evening concerts and other performances. **Band** includes brass, woodwind, and percussion instruments. **Orchestra** includes string instruments. Students do not need to have previous experience playing an instrument. Both Band and Orchestra meet every other day all year and alternate with physical education.

Choir is a vocal music class currently taught by Mr. Walters. Like Band and Orchestra, this is a performance based class and students are expected to participate in several evening concerts and other performances. This class meets <u>every other day all year</u> and alternates with physical education. If you like to sing, this might be the class for you.