

DERBY MIDDLE SCHOOL

MUSIC DEPARTMENT DONATION DRIVE

NEW FOR 2016!

As many of you know, it is necessary to supplement our school budgets with fundraising dollars in order to give our students the best education possible in the classroom..

There are many ways to do this, and in the recent past the music department at Derby has relied on our annual Fruit Sale through Indian River Florida and private donations to support our needs. The fruit sale was a HUGE asset to our department and to our students and helped us to raise over \$20,000 per year. Indian River has decided that it will no longer allow their product to be used as a fundraiser with schools. While we have looked at many different types of fundraisers, there is simply nothing that we have found at this point, that would allow us to raise the amount of money needed to sustain and grow our programs.

FOR THAT REASON, WE ARE GOING TO START THE DERBY MUSIC DEPARTMENT DONATION DRIVE!

In order to reach our goal of \$20, 000, we are asking that you give what you can or what you feel compelled to donate. Also, feel free to ask any family members (who may already come to our concerts) to support the Derby music program.

Q&A

How will my donation be used?

- Each year we bring in many specialists to help teach our students for one on one instruction, or in sectionals. ***We bring in people for nearly every instrument.*** The beginning level is a critical time for learning and creating good habits as a musician.
- Supporting our beginners is very important. However, as the school year progresses, we discover more individual needs and we will bring specialists in to help a particular section or to prepare for a special event. ***Each individual hourly session costs us between \$35 and \$50.***
- In addition to bringing in specialists, donations will be used for ***purchasing music and repairing or replacing instruments*** or other equipment such as tuners, repair tools, etc...
- The choir program uses much of their donation money toward the cost of an ***accompanist for rehearsals and concerts.***
- We also would like to have enough in our budgets that we can continue to offer ***help for those that need assistance*** with obtaining uniform items or trip sponsorship.
- ***In total, this goal comes to approximately \$60 per student.*** While we realize that not every family can donate \$60, we hope that you will consider donating what you can and/or asking others to do the same.

How can we donate?

- Please donate by ***cash*** or ***check*** at this time.
- Please consider asking family members or friends to donate to our music program.
- ***You never know how wide you can cast the net!***

