

THE ENCOUNTER

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



by Jason Mincy
KET President

Welcome to the 2023-24 school year! I am thrilled and excited to begin my second year at Navasota High School. I can't believe how fast last year went by for me and my students! My best piece of advice for all educators this year is that the process is worth the outcome. I know we all want to see that immediate result or improvement in our students but sometimes we have to remind ourselves that there is beauty in the learning process. I inherited a program full of older beginners which has always been my role at each school and level I have taught. I know that there are concepts and "tricks" that I can use that will ensure my principal and community immediately know the students have improved but to truly improve my emerging musicians, I must trust in the process... Prepare, Present, and Practice! Even in high school, it is important for me to understand that I must find a balance that works best for my students while at the same time engaging the older beginners' need for immediate success. I look forward to sharing my journey with you as I continue to embark on this thing we call High School.

2023-24 school year also means it is my first year as President of KET. We have so much going for our organization and so much more to offer you over the next couple of years! I am in awe of the members that have stepped up to join the board this year! I hope that you will take the time to take advantage of our workshops and socials throughout this year. Please let me know if there is anything you feel would benefit educators and our emerging musicians throughout the state!

Share Your Work and Inspire Other Educators in *The Encounter*

Articles are accepted on a rolling basis. For consideration for our winter edition, please email your article to our Vice President, Dillon Downey, at ddowney2@dentonisd.org.by **December 9, 2023!**

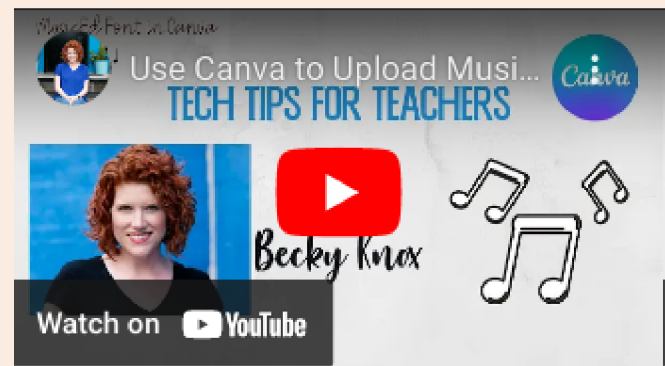
Interested in Presenting?

Please fill out the Google Form to join the KET Clinician Database at <https://forms.gle/Pe5hfmnwFZ56eQVy8>.

TECH HELP!

Do you love Canva, but are frustrated that there's no music notation? I found a great solution, you can upload the music ed font into your Canva account and create rhythms. Here's a tutorial on how to do it.

https://youtu.be/4RRND5gj_xc



by Becky Knox
KET Past President

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

Melissa Young

**STREET SMART:
PLAYGROUND GAME SONGS**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30
9:00AM- 12:00PM

Canyon Creek Elementary
2100 Copper Ridge Dr.
Richardson, TX 75080
(enter cafeteria through doors in the bus loop)

<https://tinyurl.com/KET-Young-2023>



Rebecca Lynn Lakes

"USING ORFF & KODALY
TO BUILD STUDENT
MUSICAL INDEPENDENCE"

**CREATING
HARMONY:**

Saturday, September 30
9:00AM- 12:00PM

The Montessori School of San Antonio
17722 Rogers Ranch
San Antonio, TX 78258
Registration opens at 8:30AM

<https://tinyurl.com/KET-Lakes-2023>



STARTING THE YEAR OFF RIGHT!

Watch this video about Loren's tips for behaviors, classroom management, and getting off to the right foot this year!

<https://youtu.be/LrMzTEwfYXM>

by Loren Tarnow
KET President-Elect



UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

Dr. Árpád Tóth 

TREEMONISHA,
AMERICA'S FORGOTTEN
OPERA IN FOCUS

Saturday,
January 20

9:30AM - 11:00AM



<https://tinyurl.com/KET-Toth-2024>

Please Join Us for All of Our Workshops this Year!

Our region representatives have brought some incredible sessions to and we would love to see you at the workshops. Bring along college students for free! Hope to see you there!

Dr. Catherine Tu 

"If you Plant a Seed"

Authentic Chinese Movement
Activities that Promote Literature

Saturday, September 23

9:30AM-11:00AM

Lamar Elementary School
1100 S M St.
Harlingen, TX 78550

Registration opens at 9:00AM



<https://tinyurl.com/KET-Tu-2023>

Ashley Yarbrough

Sing and
Play
Around the
World

Saturday, October 21
9:00AM-12:00PM

Fox Elementary School
4800 Aegean Drive
Klein, TX 77388



 <https://tinyurl.com/KET-Yarbrough-2023>