



Here at Clintonville the

## **Unified Arts Team**

aims to inspire, encourage, and instruct your child in the areas of Physical Education, Art, Library Science, Classroom Music, Chorus and Band.

We believe that any time you develop a child's talent, he or she will want to learn. As students improve their confidence, self motivation, collaboration and critical thinking skills while in an arts class, classroom learning will increase.

This year our schedule allows us time to collaborate with teachers to create lessons and activities that will reinforce and enhance learning.

*We are excited to welcome*

*Ms. Gavin Hartney*

*to our team as the classroom music and chorus teacher.*



### **Mr. Frank Naples**

My goal as a physical education teacher is to have my students enjoy coming to class each and every week. Students will participate in a variety of age appropriate physical activities designed to achieve optimal health, wellness and fitness. All physical education classes include at least 50% of moderate to vigorous activity. Some of the activities in our curriculum include gross motor skills, fitness related activities, cooperative games, various sport specific skills and I cannot forget everyone's

favorite -

**the obstacle course**



### **Mr. Doug Jones**

I believe that the study of Instrumental Music can lead to many positive attributes that last a life time. In addition to the rewards of learning a new skill and the ability to perform, create and appreciate music, students have the opportunity to learn a new universal language and increase their levels of responsibility and creativity. They will see the connection between hard work and success and better understand the connections of music to other subject areas such as math, art, history and science. It is my goal to teach each student in an instructional and nurturing environment where the student is fully engaged and at the same time enjoying the process of becoming a better musician and appreciator of all forms of music and the arts. All students will begin with weekly instruction in their 4th grade year which will eventually lead to a concert

performance in the Spring. Instrumental Music instruction will continue in the 5th grade with both a **Winter and a Spring Concert**



## Mrs. Nancy Snow

I truly believe that the arts can connect people more deeply to the world around them and open them to new ways of seeing. As an art teacher, I strive to have all students feel successful and become proficient at using art-making as a way of self expression. Viewing, talking and writing about art from different artists and cultures is a part of every lesson. Students are exposed to various techniques and media and learn to make decisions and judgments about their own progress and the work of others. We paint, draw, make prints, collages and sculptures as well as every student's favorite... create works of art in clay.

I will be collecting art all year for the annual art show

**ART BEAT™** - held at the High School May 15.



## Ms. Gavin Hartney

Music speaks a universal language, unhindered by social or cultural boundaries. As a music teacher and choral instructor, I strive to help all of my students understand the value of music as an agent of expression and communication.

Being a saxophone player myself, I put equal emphasis on instrumental and vocal performance in my general music classes. Students in kindergarten through grade five are currently learning how to play percussion instruments such as rhythm sticks and xylophone. World percussion instruments such as djembe and agogo bells are used as well as more traditional orchestral instruments such as the recorder and piano. Students are also in the process of reading music melodically and rhythmically in addition to demonstrating an understanding of the music that they listen to through movement, writing and visual art.

Students in chorus have been extremely excited about singing popular music and are working very diligently on singing in unison and harmony. They are beginning to prepare repertoire for a Winter Concert in December and are preparing themselves for some complex and exciting spring concert works.



## Ms. Liz Jahn

As Clintonville's Library Media Specialist, one of my main goals is to instill a love of reading in all of our students. Some ways I try to do this is by introducing them to a variety of genres throughout the year and keeping the library materials relevant and up-to-date.

Each student attends library class for 45 minutes, at least once a week. During this time students learn skills to effectively search for information in print, non-print and digital resources. Through guided practice, students will learn to judge the relevance, credibility and completeness of these resources.

In addition to teaching library classes, I work collaboratively with teachers to integrate technology into their lessons to help enhance and reinforce the concepts they are teaching.