January, 2015

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Students going from grade 5 to 6 have an opportunity to select one of the following course offerings.

**BAND**  **CHORUS**  **EXPLORATORY CYCLES**

The Cycles program in the 6th grade consists of: Art, Computer Applications, Exploratory Spanish and Technical Education. Each of these courses will run every day for an entire marking period.

The Band and Chorus programs meet each day for the entire year.

Please discuss with your child what program they wish to take, and impress upon them that this is an entire year commitment.

Please circle only **ONE** choice below that your child will take.

**BAND**  **CHORUS**  **EXPLORATORY CYCLES**

Please return this form **NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 27, 2015, to your child’s 5th grade teacher at JOHN F. KENNEDY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.**

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Ms. Giarrusso
Ms. Giarrusso
Counselor

**JOHN F. KENNEDY ELEMENTARY**

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ELECTIVE CHOICES AT ANTHONY WAYNE

Band at Anthony Wayne

Our Music Department offers fun and exciting instrumental classes, as well as after school ensembles for your child. There is the 6th Grade Symphonic Band as well as the 7th and 8th Grade Band. Both bands meet daily and perform Winter as well as Spring Concerts. Weekly lessons are also included when students participate in Band. If you are interested in joining band but have never played an instrument, our Band Director is willing to work with any student who is interested in learning an instrument.

Chorus at Anthony Wayne

Chorus meets every day as a regular graded class period. This year, the 6th and 7th grade classes are combined. Our 8th grade has a separate chorus. Throughout the year, both choruses rehearse a variety of music in preparation for several EVENING public performances. In addition, students learn how to read music and apply various vocal and breathing techniques that will enable them to become better singers. Our Chorus participates in a Holiday Concert in December and during the second half of the year, the students rehearse for their choir festival, which is combined with a trip to a Broadway show.

Cycles at Anthony Wayne

Art – Strives to bring out the natural artistic ability in all of our students. The Art Cycle serves as an outlet for students to express themselves creatively. We use a variety of materials and we incorporate art history in our projects and this all helps beautify the school with our artwork. All of our student’s artwork is displayed and the Windows Art and Cycles Art are often displayed together.

Computer Applications – Our students take part in a variety of activities during their computer cycle course. Students begin the marking period with a review of the importance of typing properly. The sixth grade class begins by practicing their typing skills through projects such as musical computers, journal writing and timed typing exercises. They then move on to learn more about Microsoft Word, PowerPoint and Publisher.

Exploratory Spanish – The Exploratory Spanish Cycle Program is thematic based, designed to engage students in a foreign language learning experience. Vocabulary, grammar and culture are rooted into the program and are used meaningfully. The amazing art, music, places of interest and foods of Spain are studied in the 6th grade, Mexico in the 7th grade and Puerto Rico in the 8th grade. Students work with a variety of communicative tasks in the Spanish language that are relevant to their lives.

Technology Education – Technology is defined as the application of knowledge in order to solve given problems. In the AW technology lab, students use concepts of science, math and social studies to find solutions to activities ranging from aerodynamics and hydrodynamics to structural design. Utilizing the latest in technology, students are given the opportunity to design and test inventions on the computer than build working models of their designs.