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Dear Satchel Ford families,

We are excited about the 2020-21 school year! We believe that Satchel Ford is a place **“where every kid can be a star!”** Every student deserves a comprehensive arts education. This year will look different from years past, but our incredible team of teachers and staff are eager to engage with creativity and excitement in our children’s (virtual) lives. Support of the arts helps in many ways during this unique world of virtual and hybrid learning.

The Brave Arts committee works hard each year to provide support to our teachers, staff and students. This past year was no exception. Through Benefactor support, as well as events such as Daddy-Daughter Dance, Sports Spectacular, and the ornament sale, we have been able to support grade level performances, choral programs and performances, ArtFest, classroom needs and supplies, staff trainings, arts memberships and affiliations, and more. Brave Arts also continues to support our unique opportunity for a Dance elective. We are one of very few elementary schools in the district with this arts program. In 2019-2020 a large contribution was funding for the new lighting system upgrade to our performance stage! While we did not get to see it used to its full potential last year, it will be a huge part of future programs. This, added to our recent sound box addition, creates a state of the art performance space for our students.

This year the Arts committee’s primary focus will be on virtual learning opportunities, as well as efforts to engage our supporting local community with our own arts program. This includes but is not limited to Artist in Residence, creative hands on learning opportunities, planning for art murals across school grounds, and local business partners. Arts teachers have hopes (given enough in person time for rehearsals and programming) for two grade-level performances-4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade- during the latter part of the school year. The lower grade levels will be centered around a theme to create individually and/or as a class and recorded virtually. If you can support through technology expertise in any way (ie. videography, editing, etc) please let us know!

If you have any questions, you may reach us at [clarkblee@yahoo.com](mailto:clarkblee@yahoo.com) or [Kad1298@aol.com](mailto:Kad1298@aol.com) . We appreciate your support!

Clark Lee and Kim Leighton  
Satchel Ford Elementary PTO  
Brave Arts Chairs

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#### Brave Arts Benefactor Form

\_\_\_\_\_ Brave Arts Benefactor (\$100) \*includes preferred performance seating when available

\_\_\_\_\_ General donation to the arts program \$\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have included a check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ made payable to Satchel Ford PTO Brave Arts.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will send venmo payment to Satchel Ford PTO (@Satchel-FordPTO) . \*Please indicate “Brave Arts”

Please return form to Satchel Ford Elementary School front office, attention PTO Brave Arts