

Ukulele Grant- Coolidge Elementary 2022-2023

LPS Foundation Grant



Project Plans

- The goal of this project is to get students at Coolidge playing a quality, professional level musical instrument. Students who play instruments have shown to have increased test scores over time, especially in math and reading.
- All students will have an opportunity to play; the grant provided Coolidge with enough funds to purchase a full classroom set of ukuleles and all other materials needed.
- The ukuleles are an investment for years to come. These instruments will be used with every group of third and fourth grade students that attend Coolidge Elementary.
- The goal is to start learning as soon as possible. The Ukuleles arrived at Coolidge mid-February.



Here is the space where the ukuleles will hang.

Materials



- 30 Ukuleles (Kala Waterman)
- 30 Ukulele Hangers (Hercules)
- Extra Strings
- Three 1x3x10 boards
- Tapcon Screws
- Blue Wood Stain (school color)
- Screws to attach hangers to wood

Progress Pictures

Drilling and bolting the boards into the cinderblock.



Adding the hangers and spacing the ukuleles out.

Getting all the ukuleles to fit on the wall.



How it looks finally...



Getting to work

- The students have been very eager to learn. Since hearing about the project, they've constantly been asking "when?".



Our first lessons involved creating posters/diagrams of the ukulele and all of its parts. This got the instruments in the student's hands.

Once we learned about all the parts of the instrument, it was time to start learning to hold and play the instrument.

Where we are at now...

- We are now beginning to play!!! We are currently working on our vocal concert material (May) so all other class time has been spent on Ukuleles.
- The students have been doing great. They are showing progress on reading notes and playing their instruments. A huge focus in class this year was reading notes in preparation for the Ukuleles.
- We will be able to continue this project next year and build upon what we learn from this school year.

