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Ms. Johnson - Music



I've been teaching music for over 20 years and I've been at KGA for 11 years! I love to sing and play instruments! I also love learning how to make things and I love to sew. I have a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music Education from U of A and a Master's Degree from GCU.

I love oceans, sunshine, beaches, collecting shells and 4-wheel driving in my Jeep! This summer I didn't travel very far, but I did go to Bisbee, Arizona!



I REALLY love SCUBA diving!



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Ms. Moran - Drama



This is my 22nd year of teaching and my 7th year at KGA. I'm excited for this year...the students in 6th grade were in Kindergarten when I started!

In my free time, I like to spend time with my daughter Taylor who is working full-time as an Urban Planner while also working on her Master's degree!

I also love to play piano, sing and run. I was taking acting classes at Arizona Actors Academy and hope to return when life goes back to normal.

Miss Contreras - PE



← My Kindergarten graduation (5 years old)

My ASU graduation pictured with my grandma. Go Sun Devils! →



I am an Arizona native. I grew up in Chandler and graduated from Hamilton HS. I received an athletic soccer scholarship in college and I graduated from Arizona State University... twice!



I absolutely love traveling and learning about other cultures. Here is a picture from my trip to Mexico City to learn more about my roots. I climbed the ancient Aztec and Mayan pyramids. It was an amazing experience! →



I enjoy spending time with my family. On my free time I love drawing, hiking, camping, going to antique stores, shopping, cooking, crafting, home decorating and renovating, attending car shows, listening to all genres of music, eating, playing sports, and cruising in my '70 Chevelle and '57 Chevy Pickup.



← You can catch me attending sporting events rooting for the Chicago Bears or the Cardinals. (At a game with my parents.) →



Dr. Lennex - Band



I'm originally from the Mountain State, West Virginia. I earned my BM in Music Ed. from WVU and my MM in Trombone Performance at the U. of North Texas before moving to Arizona, where I earned my DMA at ASU.

I have been teaching for CUSD since 2006 and I am so excited to be back for my 3rd year at KGA! I also teach at Chandler-Gilbert and Scottsdale Community Colleges.

I practice a lot so I can perform with all kinds of musical groups, from the Phoenix Symphony to my own jazz group, which has been featured at Phoenix's renowned jazz club, The Nash.

My wife teaches art in HUSD, and is a trained ballerina. We have 3 cats: Chester, Frankie, & Lucy

Dr. Samara Humbert-Hughes Orchestra



I grew up in Mesa, AZ and started to play the viola when I was in 4th grade. I attended ASU and earned a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education and then pursued my Master and Doctorate Degrees in Performance & String Pedagogy at the University of Oregon. And then... as if that wasn't enough school I decided to go back to school and earn an MBA in 2013!

After being away from AZ for 18 years playing professionally in orchestras and teaching in Oregon, Louisiana, Cambridge (UK), and South Carolina, my husband and I moved back to Arizona just a few a months ago with our furbaby Pringles. We are very happy to be back living near family and I am very happy to be teaching for Chandler Public Schools!



Mrs. DeSantis - Counselor



[click here](#)
for a short
video
introduction



MUSIC

Ms. Johnson

Some of the skills we will be working on in Music:

Singing - (Echo songs, call & response, AB and ABA forms, rounds, ostinatos, partner songs, descants, harmony, dynamics, tempo, phrasing, diction.)

Music Symbols - (Dynamics, repeat signs, staccato, legato, crescendo, diminuendo, tempo, accent marks, ties and slurs, articulation, chord symbols.)

Instruments - (Percussion instruments like drums, rhythm sticks, shakers, scrapers. String instruments like ukuleles and violins. Wind instruments like recorders. Correct posture for playing instruments.)

[Click here for a Welcome Video from Ms. Johnson](#)

Rhythm - (Steady beat, patterns, improvising, time signatures, quarter notes, half notes, whole notes, 8th notes and corresponding rests, syncopation.)

Melody - (Melodic direction, names of notes on the treble staff, intervals, steps, skips, leaps, repeating notes, high and low pitch, following iconic notation.)

Genres & Styles - (Baroque, Romantic, Classical, Rock & Roll, Blues, Country, Folk, Chant, Opera, Mariachi, Jazz, Caribbean, Patriotic, Native American, Spirituals, Ragtime, Irish, Asian, African.)

[Click here for Arizona General Music Standards](#)



Miss Contreras

Click the link below to take a fun virtual tour with me as we learn the benefits of Physical Education. You might even see some familiar faces! 😊

[Importance of Physical Education](#)

Encourages physical activity for life

Provides an outlet for creativity and self-expression

Helps prevent sickness and disease

Develops cooperation and teamwork

Builds self-confidence

Provides opportunities for personal goal-setting

Increases fitness and motor skill development

Helps reduce stress and anxiety

Strengthens relationships with others

Boosts academic learning

Physical Education is the only subject that makes your heart race!

[Click here for Arizona PE Standards](#)



DRAMA

Ms. Moran

Essential Skills for Acting (and Living!)

Click on the boxes below for a short video/activity:

Awareness/Observation

Vocal Expression

Focus and Concentration

Attentive Listening

Movement and Relaxation

Cooperation/Teamwork

[Click here for Arizona Theater Standards K-6](#)



BAND

Dr. Lennex

In the KGA Band we:

- **Learn how to play notes the correct way on our instruments.**
- **Learn to read music so we can more easily play songs as a group.**
- **Develop our listening skills so we know if we are playing well.**
- **Improvise and compose - we use the notes we know to create our own music.**
- **Learn good practice strategies and habits so you can progress more easily.**
- **Have fun playing music together!**

[Click here for Arizona Performing Ensembles Music Standards](#)



ORCHESTRA

Dr. Humbert-Hughes

[Welcome to Orchestra Video](#)

Orchestra Skills

Instrument Specific Skills

Other Skills

General Music Skills

Tone Production, Left Hand & Right Hand Techniques

How to Practice at Home

Music Appreciation & Historical Perspective

How to play as an ensemble

Setting Goals

Dedication & Perseverance

How to Prepare for a Performance

Music Theory & Note Reading

[Click here for Arizona Performing Ensembles Music Standards](#)



KINDNESS

Mrs. DeSantis

Services Provided

Kindness Lessons (whole class)

Small groups

Individual support

When to contact me

Changes in your family circumstances (i.e. death, moving, illness, accident, addiction, divorce)

If you have a question about supporting your child's social and emotional well-being

504 support, any concerns or question about you students

[Click here for Arizona Counseling Standards](#)

GOOGLE MEETS



GRADES K-3

At scheduled times go to:

www.meet.google.com

Join meeting with nickname:

gradeteacher_special

Ex: 1Kamper_Music

2Ohara_Drama

3Roselius_Kindness

Kinders use:

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kgatrianglesmusic

kgaheartskindness

		Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
12:30-1:00 pm Kindergarten	PE	Davis	Schuttenberg		VanBuskirk
	Music	VanBuskirk	Davis	Schuttenberg	
	Drama		VanBuskirk	Davis	Schuttenberg
	Kindness	Schuttenberg		VanBuskirk	Davis
1:15-1:45 pm 1st Grade	PE	Kamper	Hermsen	Holbrook	
	Music		Kamper	Hermsen	Holbrook
	Drama	Holbrook		Kamper	Hermsen
	Kindness	Hermsen	Holbrook		Kamper
2:00-2:30 pm 2nd Grade	PE	Heitic		Vogt	Ohara
	Music	Ohara	Heitic		Vogt
	Drama	Vogt	Ohara	Heitic	
	Kindness		Vogt	Ohara	Heitic
2:45-3:15 pm 3rd Grade	PE		Roselius	Barakat	Beall
	Music	Beall		Roselius	Barakat
	Drama	Barakat	Beall		Roselius
	Kindness	Roselius	Barakat	Beall	

A recorded lesson will be provided for all classes every Monday.



GOOGLE MEETS

GRADES 4-6

At scheduled times go to:

www.meet.google.com

Join meeting with nickname:

gradeteacher_special

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5Hughes_Orch

6Iyer_PE

5Canfield_Music

4Dalton_Drama

4Ranson_Kindness

		Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:15-9:00am	Orchestra		5th Grade	6th Grade	
	Band	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA

		Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:30-10:00 am 6th Grade	PE	Iyer	Schlesak	Stack	
	Music		Iyer	Schlesak	Stack
	Drama	Stack		Iyer	Schlesak
	Kindness	Schlesak	Stack		Iyer
10:15-10:45 am 5th Grade	PE		Miller	Roberts	Canfield
	Music	Canfield		Miller	Roberts
	Drama	Roberts	Canfield		Miller
	Kindness	Miller	Roberts	Canfield	
11:00-11:30 am 4th Grade	PE	Ranson			Dalton
	Music	Dalton	Ranson		
	Drama		Dalton	Ranson	
	Kindness			Dalton	Ranson

A recorded lesson will be provided for all classes every Monday.



FAQ

- **What Specials classes will my child receive?**

Specials classes are: Drama, Kindness, Music and Physical Education. I'm sure you are wondering why there are no longer five of us. As you may know, Ms. Braaksma is now our Dean of Students! We will hopefully be getting a new Tech teacher sometime in the future. Mrs. Griffith is teaching 1st grade at Chandler Online Academy. Also, for the time being Mrs. Desantis will be jumping in to teach Kindness lessons which we are super excited about!

- **What can my child expect in Specials during the Virtual Model?**

Every K-6th KGA student will receive one Specials class every day through a live or recorded lesson. Live lessons will be done interactively with a Specials teacher and recorded lessons will be completed by each student on their own.

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FAQ

- **When will my child receive live Specials lessons?**

Every Monday your child will receive one recorded lesson they will go through on their own during their normal grade level Specials time. Tuesday-Friday your child will receive one live lesson with their teacher and peers. Each recorded and live lesson will be an active 20-30 minutes.

- **What happens if my child misses their live lesson with their teacher?**

No need to worry. Students who miss the live lesson will have access to a recorded lesson link with the lesson they missed. Your child may access the recorded lesson and complete the activities on their own.

- **What time will my child have Specials each day?**

<Kinder>
12:30-1:00

<1st grade>
1:15-1:45

<2nd grade>
2:00-2:30

<3rd grade>
2:45-3:15

<4th grade>
11:00-11:30

<5th grade>
10:15-10:45

<6th grade>
9:30-10:00

(Scroll down for more)



FAQ

- **What Band and Orchestra programs are offered at KGA?**

Band and Orchestra are optional classes offered before school for 5th and 6th graders only. If you have questions email

hughes.samara@cusd80.com (orchestra)

lennex.matt@cusd80.com (band)

- Please click on this [link](#) to indicate your choice for joining Orchestra or Band.

(Scroll down for more)



FAQ

- **Why was Performing Arts changed to Drama?**

Due to Covid-19, we do not have any live performances or assemblies scheduled for this school year. Singing may also be limited because this activity has been known to increase the risk of infection. This year, we will be able to dive deeper into the theater/drama curriculum.

- **Will there be any performances this year?**

Ms. Moran will be planning some virtual live or recorded performances that can be shared with family safely at home.

- **If you have any other questions, please email us and we will add them here if appropriate.**

(Scroll down for contact information)



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Feel free to reach out to us with any questions or concerns!