



Welcome to Choir!

This year is gonna be... **F**ulfilling
Upbeat
Noteworthy



➤ Welcome! I'm Mr. Dee... a bit about me:

- This is my 17th year of teaching and my 6th year at West Middle School.
- I love to play the piano 🎹 and SING! 🎤
- I love sports! 🏃 ⚽ 🏈 🏐 🏓 🏈 🏏 🏹 🎮 🏊 🚴
- I love technology (especially Apple stuff)! 📱 ⌚ 🖥️
- I also really love food! 🍖 🌭 🍕 🌮 🍳 🧀 🍎 🍯 🍰

➤ I'm Mr. Wangeman...

- This is my 29 year of teaching and my 8th year at West.
- I grew a beard because I am NOT a morning person and not shaving meant I could sleep longer.
- I don't Sports Ball but I love competition.
- My family consists of my wife (teacher at Long Lake) my daughter (student at CMU) two dogs (lovers food and cuddling) and a kitten (loudest purr ever.)
- Being a teacher and working with amazing students is the best job in the world!



- Google Meet Etiquette Expectations
 - Please keep mics off & cameras on
 - Please raise your hand to speak (you may use the chat box for questions too).
 - Please don't use the chat box for conversations between classmates.
- Attendance / Getting to Know You
 - Name
 - Age
 - Birthday
 - Elementary School



Time to Move

Funny Faces: 😄 😞 😭 😡 😊 😜 😎 😱 😎 😭 😂 😡 😡 😡 😡 😡 😡 😡 ☐ 😱 😭 😡 😡

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Perfect Poses: 🧑 🧑 🧑 🧑 ☐ 🧑 🧑 🧑 🧑 ☐ 🧑



Who We Are:







Why We Sing

By Greg Gilpin

*A sound of hope, a sound of peace, a sound that celebrates and speaks what we believe.
A sound of love, a sound so strong. It's amazing what is given when we share a song.*

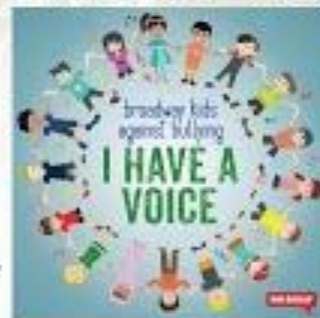
*This is why we sing, why we lift our voice, why we stand as one in harmony.
This is why we sing, why we lift our voice. Take my hand and sing with me.*

*Soothe a soul, mend a heart, bring together lives that have been torn apart.
Share the joy, find a friend. It's a never ending gift that circles back again.*

*Music builds a bridge, it can tear down a wall.
Music is a language that can speak to one and all!
This is why we sing!*



“I Have A Voice”
performed by
Traverse City West Middle School Virtual Choir



Directed by Emerick Dee

June of 2020

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I Have A Voice

Music: Frank Wildhorn / Lyrics: Robin Lerner

*I have a voice, simple and clear. It speaks the truth, for all to hear.
It gives me hope, It gives me faith, It lifts me up, It keeps me safe.*

*I have a voice, it's mine alone. It comforts me, It is my own.
Although it's small, I'm not afraid for I am strong in its embrace.
No one can say, what I have seen or understand where I have been.*

*For what I've found inside myself belongs to me and no one else.
If I were blind and had no eyes to see still I would hear that voice inside of me.*

*I wish that you, I wish that you could hear it too.
I have a voice, it's mine alone. It comforts me, it is my own.
I know it's small, but it is strong. I have a voice, it is my song.*

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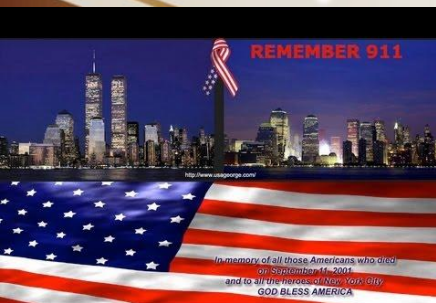
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On Thursday & Friday, I used a karaoke track to perform this song for students (Where Were You When the World Stopped Turning by Alan Jackson).



We had some good conversations about how people gathered and sang together as a way to process their emotions during this tragedy.



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7th & 8th Grade students had a chance on Friday to enjoy a “Funday” because they met every day this week. One goal was to “Git Up” and have students moving since they’re sitting so much. This song and dance was fun to watch!



6th Grade students can look forward to this activity in the coming week along with singing some fun songs along with recordings from YouTube! 😊

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Some 7th & 8th Grade classes also had a chance on Friday to sing this song that we learned last year.

“STAND IN THE LIGHT”

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6th Grade students can look forward to hearing it in the coming week. This is one of the three songs that we'll be focusing on for the first several weeks along with, “Why We Sing” and “I Have A Voice.”

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This year is



going to be...

Fulfilling

Ful·fill·ing /fōol' filiNG/ *adjective*: making someone satisfied or happy because of fully developing their character or abilities. “a **fulfilling** and rewarding career”

Upbeat

Up·beat /'əp, bēt/ *noun*: (in music) an unaccented beat preceding an accented beat. *adjective* INFORMAL: cheerful; optimistic. “he was **upbeat** about the company's future”

Noteworthy

Note·wor·thy /'nōt, wərTHē/ *adjective*: worthy of or attracting attention especially because of some special excellence; interesting, significant, or unusual. “He gave several **noteworthy** performances during his short career”