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New Sounds of Music at Barnwell Elementary School

Barnwell, S.C. March 4, 2022 – Barnwell School District 45 teachers are constantly finding new ways to keep students engaged while continuing to stay safe and healthy.

Barnwell Elementary Music Teacher Betsy Hair has worked diligently on her “Ukulele Project” to provide her students with an unforgettable experience. Hair developed the “Ukulele Project” because she wanted something new and fun for her students. The ukuleles will be used to teach chords and simple songs, but most importantly, will help foster a love of music.

Hair set a goal to purchase thirty-two ukuleles and sought out funding. After being awarded the Tri-County Community Foundation Grant along with additional donations from Donors Choose, she met her goal within three months. The quick outpouring of donations not only allowed Hair to purchase all of the ukuleles, but also a storage stand and a tuner to keep the ukuleles in perfect pitch.



“The ukulele project has the potential to make a difference in many ways in our school and in our community,” Hair shared. “Our students at Barnwell Elementary School will be learning an instrument, which can help instill many positive characteristics in a child, such as determination, confidence, and purpose. I am very excited about our students learning the ukulele because of the many positive qualities that can come from learning an instrument.”

Barnwell Elementary School, along with everyone in Barnwell School District 45, is eager to watch this new musical venture grow.



Mrs. Betsy Hair, Barnwell Elementary School (BES) Music Teacher, is pictured here with some new instruments for students at BES.