



Students and families of the Mayberry Instrumental Music Program,

My name is Panya Amphone, and I am excited to be joining the Mayberry Cultural and Fine Arts Magnet Middle School family as the new Director of Orchestras. I am honored to be joining an amazing group of students, families, and staff. I am excited to teach alongside Mrs. Hayes and to contribute to the growth of the Instrumental Music Department as we strive toward new accolades.

I am a recent graduate of Friends University, with degrees in Music Education and Mathematics. During my undergraduate studies, I trained as a violinist and opera singer. While pursuing my passions, I was afforded the opportunity to perform and study music around the world. Though I love performing, my true passion lies in teaching students and guiding them to become wholesome people as well as amazing musicians.

Born and raised in Wichita, my love for the arts was cultivated through quality educators. I started singing at a very young age and began learning the violin as soon as it was offered in school. My love for making music developed into a passion, and I have not looked back since.

As a product of USD 259, I am ecstatic to join this incredible team of teachers and to give back to my community. Part of my student teaching was done at Mayberry, and I am over the moon that I have the opportunity to return as a resident member of this inspiring family.

This year has been difficult for the entire world. Students, teachers, and their families alike, will continue to deal with a variety of problems and emotions as a result COVID-19 impacting our community. However, with transparency, communication, and support from families and teachers working together, I know that we as a community will overcome the obstacles in our way.

This will be my first full year of teaching, and I cannot wait to grow alongside our students! Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions, comments, or concerns at pamphone@usd259.net
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Panya Amphone". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Panya" and last name "Amphone" clearly distinguishable.

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