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To Ken Chinn, Chinn Guitar Project and to whom it may concern:

The Crisman School has been in need of an enjoyable solution for developing the brain of bright, yet learning differenced, students. We currently teach music 120 minutes per student weekly. The desire of our hearts was to offer guitar to small classes in addition to our piano lab because guitars are “cooler”, more socially acceptable and most importantly, portable; thus encouraging our students to practice at home and other places.

One blessed afternoon, my conversation with Ken awarded The Crisman School students with the opportunity of a lifetime! 10+ guitars, lesson books and one electric guitar was handed over to our students, as well a generous donation for any accessories to ensure our new guitar lab was a success.

Our budget would never have allowed the fortune of this purchase. It was only because of the generosity of The Chinn Guitar Project. The observed benefits of multiple guitars on campus include, but are in no way limited to, the following:

- stress release from tough academic studies
- enjoyment of music
- increased math grade in interest
- a topic of conversation for otherwise socially awkward students
- pride as some students have been fortunate to save up for their own guitar
- reduced loneliness
- increased punctuality and attendance

Music, composers and a greater global interest of music are filling our campus. Some students entertain us on the stage at lunch, while others forego recess to sit in groups and play music.

The blessings and educational benefits recognized from this heartfelt gift have only begun to be recognized.

Some days I feel like I am working at the stepping stone for The Julliard School 😊

We appreciate your ministry, passion for music and gifts to our school!

Many Blessings

Laura Lea Blanks, Director