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Dear Young UPES Artist,

Here's your Arts Gear! This pack is a gift to you from the Manitou Springs Arts Academy! We are excited to give these supplies to you! We trust that you will keep this pack in a special place in your home so that **whenever** you want to use it, you'll be able to grab it, open it and go make, blow, build, create, manipulate, and see what happens!

Mr. Groth is part of our team. He and MS. Kettler and Mr. Briggs Hale look forward to hearing about and seeing how you use your Arts Gear! Even if you are unable to be at school, you will still be able to make music on your ocarina and draw, paint or write in your arts notebook.

You will notice that your kit includes a ticket. It is a ticket to a free theatre workshop. Your colored ticket gives you entry to a specific workshop. We have listed the dates for your class on the back of this letter.

Please ask someone to write the date and time of your workshop on your calendar so you can plan to join us! Take special care of your feather because you will use it in the class! Can you figure out what kind of bird has this kind of feather? The answer will be revealed in the workshop on your day!

We appreciate you as a young person who is full of ideas, imaginings, and experimentation.

*Enjoy making your art!*

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The Manitou Springs Arts Academy was begun in 1992 by the then Superintendent of Schools, Gary Miller and a dedicated group of teachers, parents, and business leaders. We have worked consistently in partnership with MSSD14 to advocate for and enrich young people’s experiences in the arts.

Multi-disciplinary in nature, the mission of the MSAA is to provide intensive education and training in the arts in a joyous and highly supportive environment. We are more process than product based, believing that product follows when students are actively engaged in their learning.

Please, go to our video link so we can virtually introduce you to our Arts Gear, teach you to tie the lanyard on to your ocarina, and have a bit of fun!

<https://live.myvrspot.com/iframe?v=fYjZiYjNhOGRINWNIZTFIZTdiMjAxMGMzODNmNjI2Mjg>

Also, our short how-to video on techniques

<https://live.myvrspot.com/iframe?v=fMWE1MDImZjk2MwQ3ZDliNDJkOWVIOTM2MTU0YmI2Nzc>

**WHAT IS THE TICKET ABOUT?** Each colored ticket is your student’s “entry” to one interactive virtual theatre workshop with Sophie Thunberg! Link below

<https://meet.google.com/rzk-syfb-xxj>

Schedule of workshops choose one day and time!

Grade/Group	Ticket Color	Date	Time 1	Time 2
Pre-K and K	yellow	Monday, April 12th	3:30-4:15	4:30-5:15
1st and 2nd	red	Tuesday, April 13th	3:30-4:15	4:30-5:15
3rd and 4th	turquoise	Wednesday, April 14th	3:30-4:15	4:30-5:15
5th and 6th	pink	Thursday, April 15th	3:30-4:15	4:30-5:15
Weekend Workshop All Ages Including Parents	purple	Saturday, April 16th	3:30-4:15	4:30-5:15
Pre-K and K	yellow	Monday, April 19th	3:30-4:15	4:30-5:15
1st and 2nd	red	Tuesday, April 20th	3:30-4:15	4:30-5:15
3rd and 4th	turquoise	Wednesday, April 21st	3:30-4:15	4:30-5:15
5th and 6th	pink	Thursday, April 22nd	3:30-4:15	4:30-5:15
Weekend Workshop All Ages Including Parents	purple	Saturday, April 23rd	3:30-4:15	4:30-5:15

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