

ELEMENTARY BAND!

Registration open
NOW till Oct 2nd!
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Dear Parents of Fifth Graders,

All 5th grade students are eligible to enroll in elementary band this year! Below I have listed the basics that will help you to plan ahead. Being in band is a fantastic experience that begins in elementary school and continues through middle school, high school, and into adulthood. In addition to learning to play an instrument, your kids will develop many close friendships, and learn to work as a team. Band kids are consistently among the highest academic achievers in school and, as college applicants, they will have an advantage because colleges value the high level of commitment that being in band demonstrates. We would love to have all your kids participate in this exciting, rewarding experience!

Beginning Band Orientation Night

You and your kids are invited to join us on **Wednesday, September 23rd**, at 6:00 pm for band night! This is an opportunity for parents and students to meet the band directors and ask questions about the program. This will be a virtual event on Teams. Use this link to join band night: [Elementary Band Night!](#)

Dates and Time

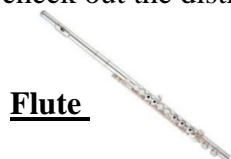
Elementary band lessons will be asynchronous on Teams this year! We will also have optional live meetings through Teams.

2nd Year Students: lessons begin September 28th; live sessions will be Wednesdays from 2:30-3pm and Thursdays from 4-4:30.

Beginning Students: lessons begin October 5th; live sessions will be Wednesdays from 3-3:30pm and Tuesdays from 4-4:30.

Instruments

If you would like to see and hear the instruments you can watch the video here: [Finn Hill Band Demo](#) or check out the district band website to learn more about the program: [LWSD Band/Orchestra Site](#)



Flute



Clarinet



Trumpet



Trombone



3/4 Baritone

Book

Accent on Achievement Book 1. Make sure to get the book for your instrument! This can be found in the top right corner of the book.



Materials

Most students rent band instruments from a local music store such as Kennelly Keys Music, Music & Arts, Metropolitan Music, etc. Rent-to-own plans are great! We recommend calling ahead to check availability and pick up options.

Each student will need an instrument, the required accessories, Accent on Achievement book (for their instrument), and a folder for music and a pencil. We recommend purchasing a care kit. Most students also purchase a music stand (any type).

The accessories include:

- Flute: cleaning rod, and a soft cloth for cleaning (preferably silk)
- Clarinet: cork grease, a drop through style cleaning cloth, and a minimum of five #2 clarinet reeds.
- Trumpet: valve oil, tuning slide grease, soft cleaning cloth.
- Trombone: slide oil, tuning slide grease, soft cleaning cloth
- 3/4 Baritone: valve oil, tuning slide grease, soft cleaning cloth.

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We look forward to meeting you!

Ron Maier and Serena Scrivner, Elementary Band Directors

If you have any questions, please send an email to Mr. Maier rmaier@lwsd.org or Ms. Scrivner sscrivner@lwsd.org