



5th grade Orchestra (2nd year) Mr. Rittenour - Director

Welcome to 5th grade Orchestra at Mary Endres! I am the new elementary orchestra teacher for 4th and 5th grade at Greenwood, Mary Endres, and I also teach orchestra at Woodstock North. I am very excited about this school year and the many wonderful opportunities I have planned for your musician!

We will start the year off by completing Essential Elements Book 1 and then we will move on to Book 2 around the beginning of October.

All 5th Grade orchestra lessons will be on FRIDAYS, and will start on August 23.

As it was last year, the students will be excused for 30 minutes of class for their lessons. For the first few weeks, we may meet in large group lessons. Please help remind your child to bring their instrument and music to school every Tuesday for orchestra lessons. Teachers will also post the schedule, but it will also be your student's responsibility to remember their lesson time.

5th grade after school Orchestra rehearsals will start on September 13, and will meet weekly. This is a change from last year! We have the opportunity to meet weekly this year because we now have five orchestra directors in our district! **After school rehearsals will take place from 1:50-2:50 pm, and students will need transportation home at 2:50 PM.**

The reverse side of the letter contains all concert, field trip and special orchestra dates that will take place throughout this school year. Please add these dates to your calendar and keep this document for reference!

Please fill out the attached transportation form stapled to this document and have your child return it to their classroom teacher or school office by Friday, August 30th. **If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to reach out via email or dojo! I am looking forward to a great year working with your musician!**

Mr. Brandon Rittenour
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<p align="center">There will be <u>two in school field trips</u> and <u>three orchestra concerts</u> this year! Please add the following dates to your calendar:</p>				
Date	Time	Event	Ensemble	Location
Thursday, November 21st	9-11am (in school)	9 Horses Field Trip	All 5th-12th Gr Orchestra Members	WHS
Wednesday, December 18th	6pm	Winter Concert	GWE/MEES 4th & 5th Orchestras	NMS
Monday, April 28th	8:30-11am (in school)	D200 Festival Field Trip	5th Grade Orchestra	WNHS
Monday, April 28th	6:30pm	D200 Festival Concert	All 4th-12th Gr Orchestra Members	WNHS
Wednesday, May 14th	6pm	Northside Finale Concert	WWE/GWE/MEES 4th/5th +NMS Pop Orchestra	NMS

<p align="center">After School Orchestra will take place <u>EVERY FRIDAY</u> from 1:50-2:50 PM starting 9/13 and going until the end of the school year with the exception of the following dates.....</p>	
No After School Practice on...	Due to.....
October 11th	No School- Parent Teacher Conferences
November 29th	Election Day (No School)
December 27th & January 3rd	Winter Break
March 28th	Spring Break
April 18th	No School

Please fill out the transportation information on the next page to indicate how your child will be getting home from after school practices. Submit this form to your child's classroom teacher or school office no later than FRIDAY, AUGUST 30th.

Please fill out and return this form by Friday August 30th (or as soon as possible)
You can also fill out the transportation portion of this form digitally by going to the following link: <https://forms.gle/7Xd5QnnYuWY1gUt1A>

Student Name: _____

Guardian Name(s): _____

Guardian Contact Information:

Home # _____

Cell # _____

Guardian Email: _____

Student Classroom Teacher: _____

Please select one

___ My child intends to continue in Orchestra this year and still has an instrument.

___ My child intends to continue in Orchestra but does not have an instrument at this time and I would like assistance obtaining another instrument.

___ My child will not be continuing in Orchestra this year and will return the instrument.
(Please email jforbes@wcusd200.org)

After School Orchestra Information Please check which applies:

___ My child will be getting a ride home from a parent/guardian

___ My child will be getting a ride home from a friend

Who: _____

Phone: _____

___ My child will be going to Kids Club

___ My child will be walking home