

# PENN HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT

## *Elementary Instrumental Program*

Dear parents/guardians,

Welcome back! I am excited to get started making music again, however it will be a couple of weeks until I have a lesson schedule ready. Student in grades 4 and 5 can participate in Band, Orchestra and Chorus this year. Your child can play the same instrument he/she played last year or switch instruments, add a second instrument and join chorus. Please fill out the attached page to let me know what your child has chosen to participate in for this year. All String students will need the Essential Elements book 1 for their instrument. Most string students had this book last year as we used it in class every day. Music will be provided for most band instruments, and they may want to have a 3-ring binder to keep it in. They will be getting a lot of music this year! Percussionist still need to have the Essential Elements book 1. Most of them had this book last year as well. It is highly likely that your child already has the supplies listed below in their instrument case because many of these supplies came with the instrument when you first rented it.

- If your child is playing the same instrument as last year and you have it at home, check the list below to see if your child has all the supplies needed.
- If your child is switching instruments or adding a new one, check the **NEW INSTRUMENT** information below.
- Students will be entered into Skyward/Canvas again for this year in a few weeks – once I get all their forms back. Until then, email me directly with any questions/concerns.

### **SUPPLY LIST FOR INSTRUMENTS:**

Violin/Viola/Cello: Essential Elements Book 1, Rosin  
Flute: cleaning swab (should have one from last year)  
Clarinet: a few new reeds-#2 Rico brand are best  
Alto Saxophone: a few new reeds-#2 Rico brand are best  
Trumpet: Valve oil (should have some left from last year)  
Trombone: Slide oil (should have some left from last year)  
Percussion: Essential Elements Book 1 (check for sticks and mallets in percussion kit)

**Make sure there is a name tag  
on your child's instrument that  
will not deteriorate in the rain!**

### **NEW INSTRUMENT INFORMATION:**

You can switch your old instrument for a different one or add a new instrument by contacting the music store. The rental process is the same as last year. Please do this ASAP so we can start lessons soon! The music stores information is on the back of this page. You can check the stores hours by going to their individual webpages.

All the information for Band, Orchestra and Chorus is available on the Penn Hills Website! The information will be under the Schools tab, PHES, then "Academics". Then look for the "Music".

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

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## Music Store Information

Progressive Music  
316 Fifth Ave.  
McKeesport, PA 15132  
412-672-9623  
[www.progressivemusiccompany.com](http://www.progressivemusiccompany.com)

Johnstonbaugh's Music Centers  
140 Sandune Dr.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15239  
724-519-2114  
[www.johnstonbaughs.com](http://www.johnstonbaughs.com)

Volkwein's Music  
138 Industry Drive  
RIDC Park West  
Pittsburgh, PA 15275  
800-553-8742  
412-788-5900  
[www.volkweinsmusic.net](http://www.volkweinsmusic.net)

Yadco Music  
1000 East Pittsburgh-Mckeesport Blvd.  
North Versailles PA, 15137  
(412) 824-5578  
[www.yadcomusic.com](http://www.yadcomusic.com)

Music Go Round  
4341 Old William Penn Hwy  
Monroeville, PA 15146  
412-856-8742  
[www.musicgoround.com](http://www.musicgoround.com)

Music Hut  
1120 Whitmore Road St.  
North Huntingdon, PA 15642  
(724) 864-1035  
[www.musichutpa.com](http://www.musichutpa.com)

Western Pennsylvania Center for the Arts  
300 James St.  
Verona, PA 15147  
724-822-4461  
[www.westernpennsylvaniacenterforthearts.com](http://www.westernpennsylvaniacenterforthearts.com)

Closest to the  
school!!

### **All instruments must be traditional colors.**

Flutes: silver  
Clarinets: black  
Saxes, Trumpets, Trombones: silver or yellow brass  
All strings: Brown wood color



# Returning student instrument form

Please fill out this form to let Mrs. Burd know what instrument your child is interested in playing for this school year. This form is **ONLY** for students who have already played an instrument with Mrs. Burd last school year.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade level (2024-2025) please check: 4<sup>th</sup>  5<sup>th</sup>

Parent/Guardian Name please print: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please choose the instrument(s) your child is interested in playing this year. If your child is interested in playing 2 instruments, please check both instruments. If your child is interested in singing in the chorus, a different form will be available later in September. If playing 2 instruments, your child must pick **only one** instrument from Orchestra and **one** instrument from Band.

## Orchestra

Violin

Viola

Cello

## Band

Flute

Clarinet

Alto Saxophone

Trumpet

Trombone

Percussion (drum/xylophone)

My child will not be playing any instruments this school year.

If you have a question or something you would like to tell me, please write that on the lines below.

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