

Devon Music

Dear Devon Families,

Your child is invited to participate in a music ensemble in 3rd and 4th grade!

3rd Grade: String Orchestra

Third grade students are offered instruction on the **Violin, Viola, or Cello**. Group lessons take place once a cycle for 30 minutes during the school day all year. Ensemble rehearsals take place January-May, once a cycle before school at 8:15 a.m. All string students will participate in group lessons, ensemble rehearsals and the spring concert.

4th Grade: Chorus, Band, String Orchestra

Fourth grade students may join the Chorus, a vocal ensemble that rehearses once a cycle before school at 8:15 a.m. all year and performs in both the winter and spring concerts. Fourth graders are also offered instruction on a Band instrument (**Flute, Clarinet, Alto Saxophone, Trumpet, French Horn, Trombone, Baritone, Percussion**) or a String Orchestra instrument (**Violin, Viola, Cello**). Group lessons take place once a cycle for 30 minutes during the school day all year. Rehearsals take place once a cycle before school at 8:15 a.m. All Band/Orchestra students will participate in group lessons, ensemble rehearsals and concerts. Fourth graders may participate in more than one ensemble!

Register Here! www.tesd.net/devonmusic

Acquire an Instrument

For String/Band lessons, we ask that you provide your child with an instrument, book, and accessories by the first week of school. You may choose to use an instrument that you have in your possession (must be in excellent playing condition and of proper size) or you may elect to rent an instrument (see pg 2 for some local vendors). If you need financial assistance with renting an instrument, the FLITE program is here to help and foster your child's love of music! Please contact our guidance counselor, Mrs. Tami Noel (NoelT@tesd.net) to learn more. For more information about FLITE, visit www.flite4kids.org.

Thank you for your interest in our music ensembles!

TESD Elementary Music Staff

Mrs. Christy Brown – Band & Chorus – BrownC@tesd.net

Ms. Jordana Schaeffer – String Orchestra – SchaefferJ@tesd.net

Dr. Matthew Sterenczak – District Music Supervisor – SterenczakMa@tesd.net

Local Music Stores

These vendors have expressed interest in working with our district. Their listing does not necessarily denote endorsement by the school district.

Music & Arts

371A W. Lancaster Ave
Wayne, PA
610-687-1721
www.musicarts.com

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Lawrence Pk Shop Ctr
1991 Sproul Rd, Unit 26
Broomall, PA
610-356-4674

Taylor's Music

116 W. Gay Street
West Chester, PA
610-696-1812
www.taylorsmusic.com

Music Instruments, Books & Accessories

3rd & 4th Grade Strings

- Lesson Book: **Essential Elements for Strings, Book 1**, Allen, Gillespie, Hayes & Higgens
- All Violin & Viola students need a shoulder sponge.
- All string instruments need fingerboard tape (this should be done at the music store).
- All string instruments need to be the appropriate size.

4th Grade Band

Find this list online at www.tesd.net/devonmusic in "Band Instrument Accessories".

- Lesson Book: **Standard of Excellence, book 1**, Bruce Pearson, Neil A. Kjos Music Co.
- A **music stand** for home practice
- An **identification tag** on your instrument case.
- **Flute:** cleaning rod, swab
- **Clarinet:** packet of **size 2 reeds**, swab, cork grease
- **Saxophone:** packet of **size 2 reeds**, swab, cork grease, neck strap
- **Trumpet, Baritone, French Horn:** valve oil
- **Trombone:** slide oil or cream
- **Percussion:** acquire a **Bell Kit** (includes bells, mallets, practice pad, sticks)



District policy states musical instruments must be able to fit on the student's lap or under the seat ahead of them without endangering the safety of other students. Students with large instruments may need to provide their own transportation to school on lesson days. (Cello, Baritone, Percussion)