

5th grade Orchestra (2nd year) Ms Forbes-Rycroft: Director

Welcome to 5th grade Orchestra at Olson! I hope you and your family had a wonderful summer, I am thrilled to have the opportunity to work with your child again this year in orchestra!

We will start the year off by completing Essential Elements Book 1 and then we will move on to Book 2 sometime in October. In addition to this students will have the opportunity to perform several additional works outside of their book songs this year!

All 5th Grade orchestra lessons will be on WEDNESDAY, and will start on August 19. 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 Wednesday 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 9, and will meet weekly. Your musician will have the opportunity to work with orchestra director Ms. Valentine and myself, in After School Practices throughout this year! **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 this 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 28th. **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!**

Ms. Jillian Forbes-Rycroft
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There will be one in school field trip and three orchestra concerts this year! Please add the following dates to your calendar:				
Date	**Time**	**Event**	**Ensemble**	**Location**
Friday, October 2nd	~2:30pm	Parade Promenade*	Optional for all Olson 5th Grade Orchestra	WHS
Tuesday, December 15th	5:30pm	Winter Concert	WWE/OES 4th & 5th Orchestras	CMS
Monday, April 19th	8:30-11am (in school)	D200 Festival Field Trip	5th Grade Orchestra	WNHS
Monday, April 19th	6:30pm	D200 Festival Concert	All 4th-12th Gr Orchestra Members	WNHS
Wednesday, May 12th	6pm	Northside Finale Concert	OES/MEES/GWE 5th +NMS Pop Orchestra	WNHS

**On October 2nd Olson 5th grade Orchestra students will have the opportunity to march in the Woodstock High School Homecoming Parade alongside the Woodstock High School Orchestra float! This event is optional and more details will be sent out as we get closer to the date!*

After School Orchestra will take place *EVERY WEDNESDAY* from 1:50-2:50pm starting 9/9 and going until the end of the school year with the exception of the following dates…..	
No After School Practice on…	Due to…..
October 7th	½ Day of School
November 11th	Veterans Day: No School
November 25th	No School
December 16th	Concert the day before (:
December 23rd &December 30th	Winter Break
March 31st	Spring Break

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 28th.

Please fill out and return this form by Friday August 28th (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/kCadVXna2SPQPZXm8**

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-rycroft@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