

5th grade Orchestra (2nd year) Ms. Valentine - Director

Welcome to 5th grade Orchestra at Mary Endres! I am the 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 THURSDAYS, and will start on August 20. 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 Thursday 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 10, and will meet weekly. 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 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. Grace Valentine
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There will be <u>one in-school field trip</u> and <u>three orchestra concerts</u> this year! Please add the following dates to your calendar:				
Date	**Time**	**Event**	**Ensemble**	**Location**
Wednesday, December 16th	6:00pm	Winter Concert	GWE/MEES 4th & 5th Orchestras	NWMS
Monday, April 19th	8:00-11am (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	6:00pm	Northside Finale Concert	OES/GWE/MEES 4th/5th + NMS Pop Orchestra	WNMS

After School Orchestra will take place <u>*EVERY THURSDAY*</u> from 1:50-2:50 PM starting 9/10 and going until the end of the school year with the exception of the following dates…..	
No After School Practice on…	**Due to…..**
September 17th	½ day
October 8th	No School - Parent Teacher Conferences
October 22nd	½ day
November 26th	Thanksgiving Day (no school)
December 24th & 31st	Winter Break
January 28th	½ day
February 11th	½ day - Parent Teacher Conferences
March 11th	½ day
April 1st	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/3KL4UWwxz3ZKZoNE6**

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 gvalentine@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