

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. Students 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 band instruments. They will be getting a lot of music this year! 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 **SWITCHING 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: check that sticks and mallets are still in percussion kit

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

SWITCHING 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 on the Penn Hills Website (scan QR code).

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

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Music Store Information

Western Pennsylvania Center
for the Arts
300 James St
Verona, PA 15147
724-822-4461
www.westernpennsylvaniacenterforthearts.com

Johnstonbaugh's Music Centers
140 Sandune Dr
Pittsburgh, PA 15239.
724-519-2114
www.johnstonbaughs.com

Volkwein's Music
138 Industry Drive
RIDC Park West
Pittsburgh, PA 15275
412-788-5900
www.volkweinsmusic.com

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

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

All instruments must be traditional colors.

Flutes: silver

Clarinets: black

Saxes, Trumpets, Trombones: silver or yellow brass

All strings: Brown wood color

Scan this code to access
this information on the
Penn Hills Website.





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. Please return this form to Mrs. Burd ASAP.

Student Name: _____

Grade level (2026-2027) please check: 4th ☐ 5th ☐

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.

Orchestra

☐ Violin

☐ Viola

☐ Cello

Band

☐ Flute

☐ Clarinet

☐ Alto Saxophone

☐ Trumpet

☐ Trombone

☐ Percussion (drum/xylophone)

*a separate permission slip will come home for Chorus in late September

☐ 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.
