



TIMBERLINE MS BAND

David Sloan, director

ABOUT ME



I have served as Timberline's Elementary Band director since its inception in 2019. In addition, I serve as the Music Teacher at Wilder Elementary where I have been for nine years. When I'm not band directing, I like to watch sports, read good books, practice my trumpet, and spend time with my family.

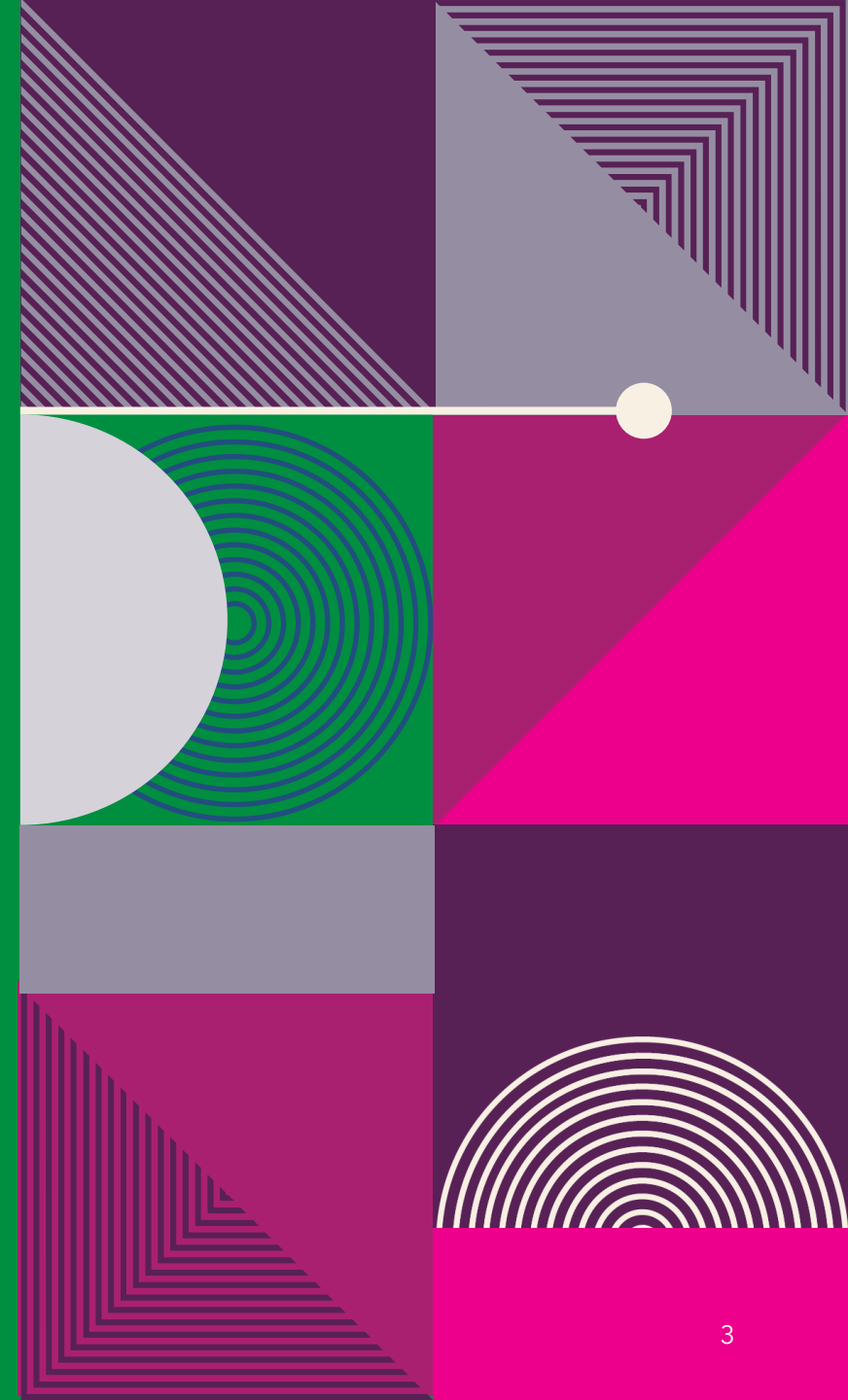
BAND AT TIMBERLINE

Two bands at Timberline MS – Concert and Symphonic Band

- Concert Band – mostly 6th graders, geared towards beginners and students new to their instrument/band
- Symphonic Band – 7th/8th grade students, for more experienced players, the music is more challenging

There is a band that meets before school (“zero hour”) called Jazz Band

- Jazz Band – mostly 7th/8th grade students, challenging music, opportunities for improvisation, also uses drumset, guitar, bass, and piano
- Membership is audition/invitation only and you have to be in either Concert or Symphonic Band

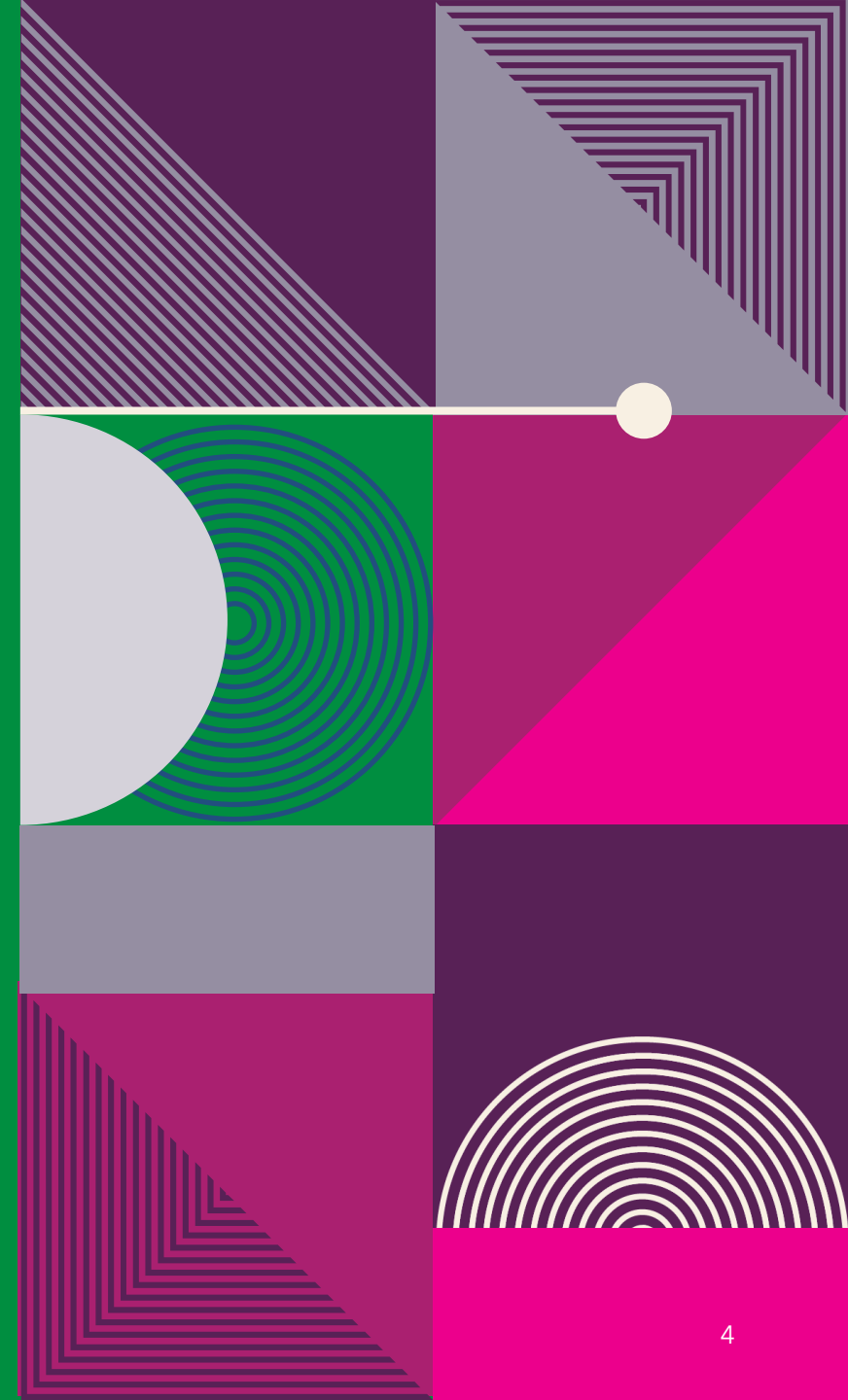


WHAT DOES BAND DO?

In band, we work on some interesting and challenging pieces of music and perform them at concerts! Some pieces can be brand new while some can be older, they can even be arrangements of some of our favorite songs!

Most of the time, concerts are at school, but sometimes we will have the opportunity to perform at music festivals, sometimes during school and sometimes as a competition.

Sometimes these music festivals can involve traveling. This year, the band will be going to Disneyland as a part of their music festival.



WHAT INSTRUMENTS ARE AVAILABLE?

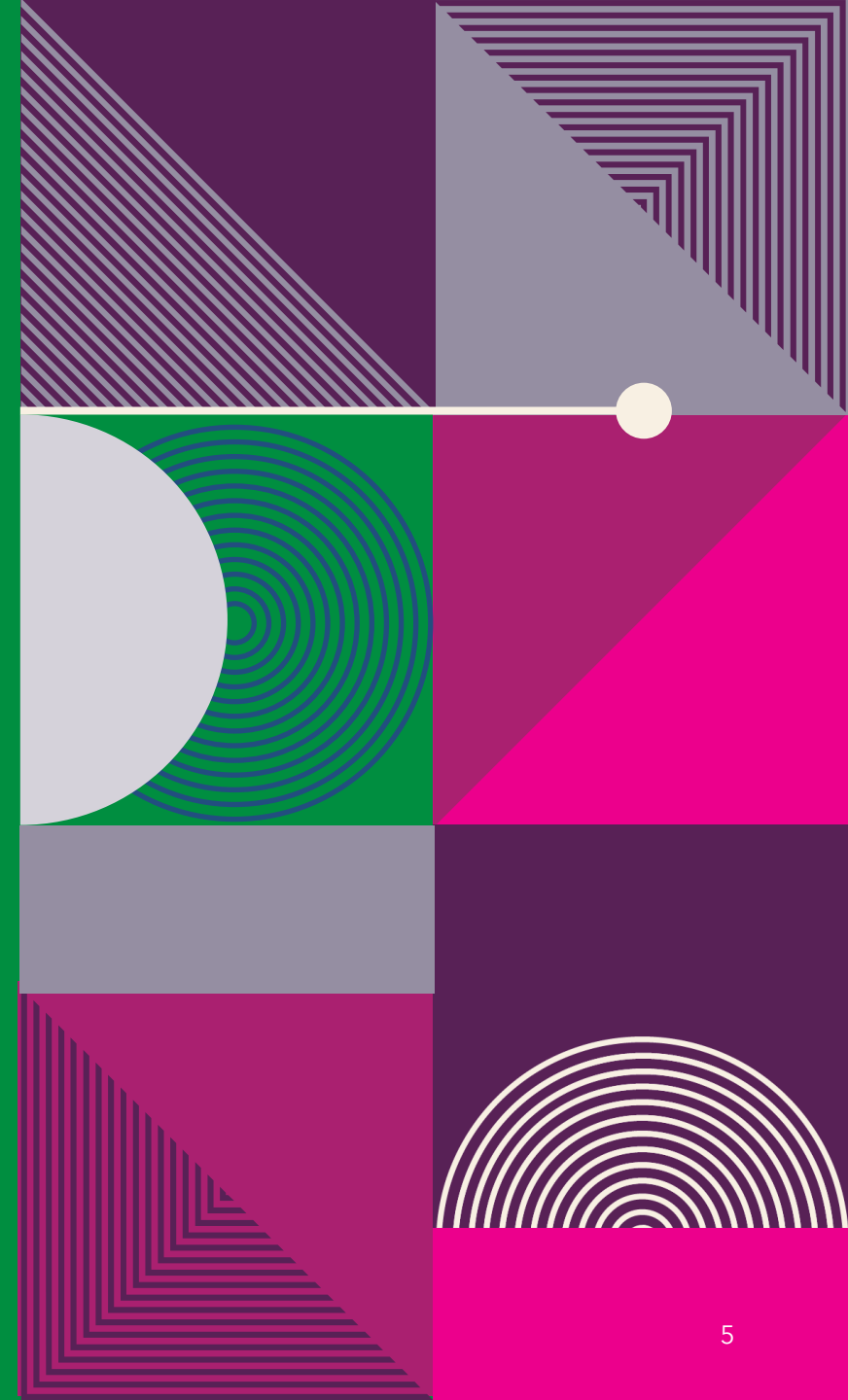
In band, we cover most wind and percussion instruments offered in the Western concert band. This includes:

Woodwind instruments like: flute, clarinet, oboe, bassoon, saxophone (alto, tenor, and baritone)

Brass instruments: trumpet, French horn, trombone, euphonium (baritone) and tuba

Percussion: various drums, keyboards, cymbals and other instruments. Beginning percussion will focus heavily on the keyboard instruments (xylophone/marimba) and snare drum.

To hear what these instrument sound like check out this page brought to us by the [Dallas Symphony Orchestra](#)



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What if I don't know how to read music?

No problem! We'll teach you everything you need to know.

Can I join with a friend?

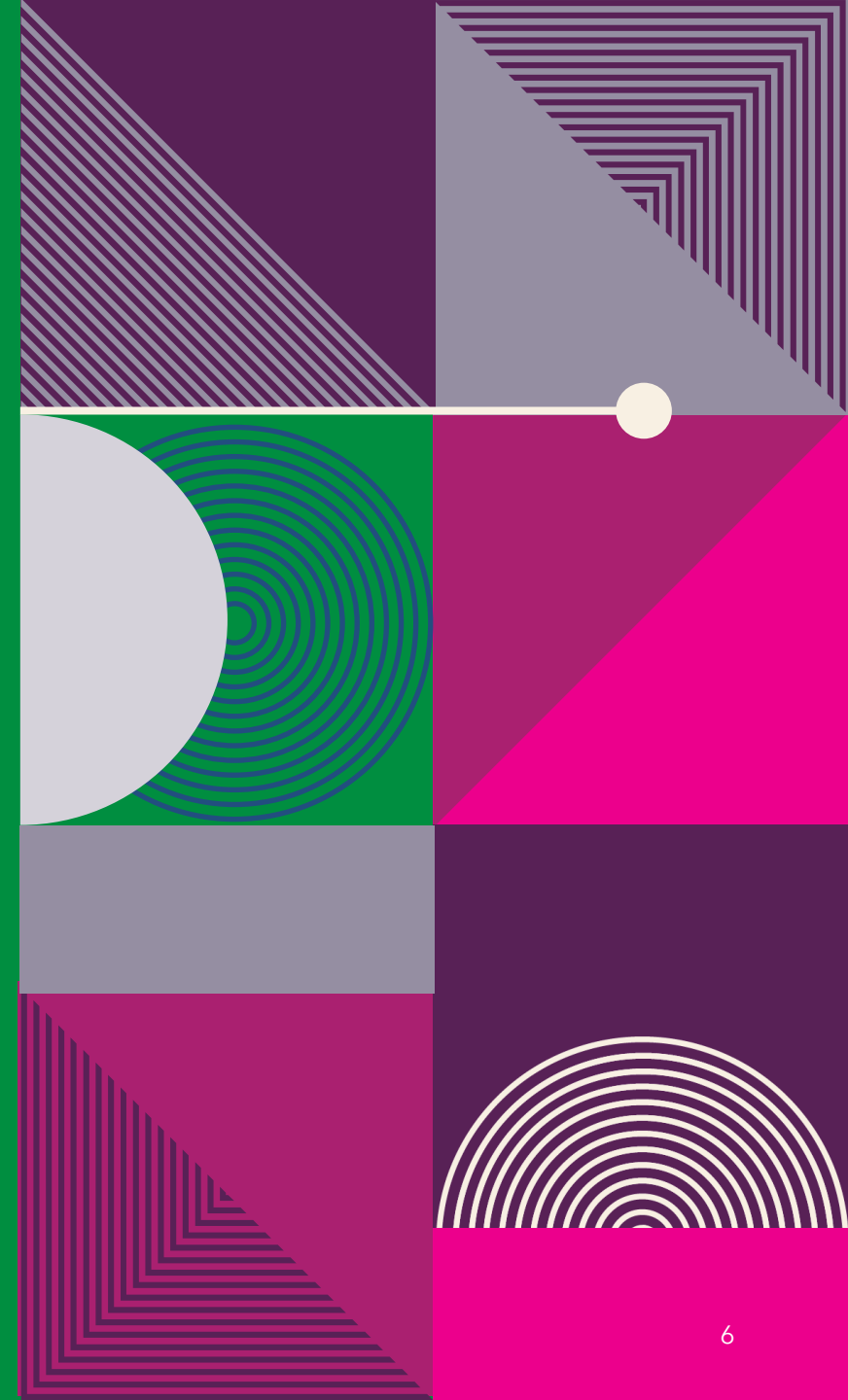
Absolutely! Bring two friends! Band is a great place to do something cool and interesting with your friends.

What if I already play piano or guitar?

That's awesome! While piano/guitar isn't something that is focused on as much in band, we use both in Jazz Band. Plus, it would be good for you as a musician to learn how to play a new instrument.

I played recorder in elementary school?

Great! Recorder is a wonderful stepping stone into the instruments found in band.



How will I know what to play?

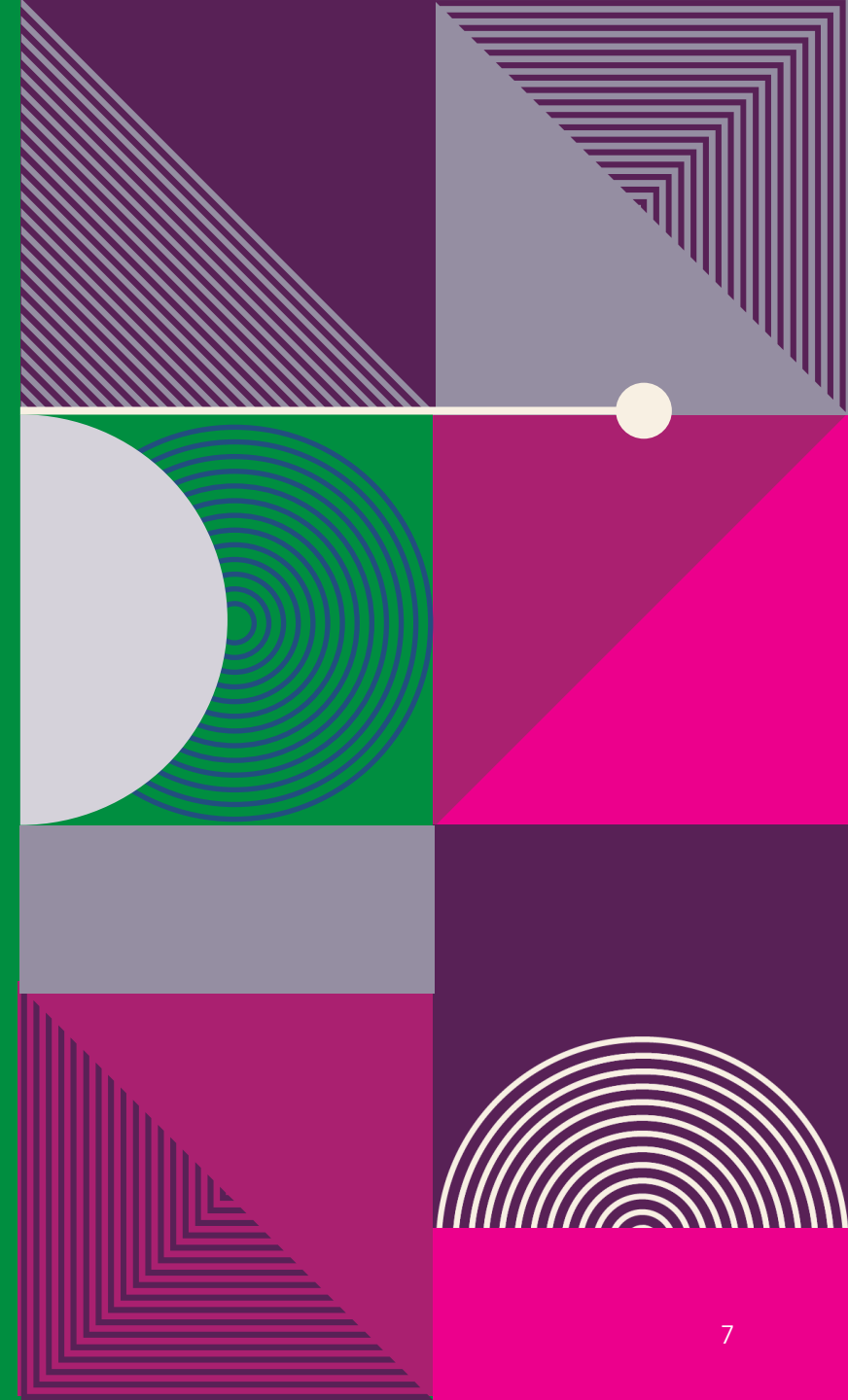
I'll help you figure out the best fit for you and balance that with what the band will need. We'll do that mostly at the beginning of next year.

What if I want to start early?

Private lessons are highly recommended and can be found at various music stores in the area e.g. Music and Arts, Kennelly Keys, Metropolitan Music.

What's the time commitment?

For best results, band is a year-long commitment. However, if we are finding that an instrument is not the best fit for you, I will work with you to help find an instrument that is better suited for your individual skill set.



FURTHER QUESTIONS?

Feel free to reach out to me (Mr. Sloan) for more information or if you have any further questions!

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Thank you and we hope to see you next year in Band!

