River Valley Local Schools
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Good Afternoon!

I wanted to reach out to provide some clarification through our band/orchestra and special schedules as it pertains to the grade cards.

Our band and orchestra programs are currently offered during the Specials times at the beginning of the day due to their respective teaching schedules. This often provides a scheduling conflict with our other areas. We understand the value and the commitment and work to find the balance as best as we can within the system provided. Here are some points that we would like to highlight to help with any confusion.

- Specials area grades are submitted twice a year (2nd and 4th Quarter) due to their schedules between both elementaries.

- Students are graded based upon a Satisfactory scale for our Specials areas
    - O - Outstanding
    - S - Satisfactory
    - U - Unsatisfactory

- Teachers are in communication with each other as when special events, testing and other times where students may be asked to pick one way or the other. Our rotating schedules may avoid missing the same class consistently, but this allows teachers to determine where students are with participation. Again, with the O,S,U grading system, we are looking to fulfill those participation requirements within the semester (2 quarter) span.

- Some of our 5th grade friends are participating in both band and orchestra, which makes it tough meeting all the requirements. It will definitely require more balance to their schedule, where students may be in band or orchestra once a week and their scheduled special areas the others. Major events (concerts, unit or skills testing, projects) may adjust their time periodically and will be communicated between the teachers and parents.

Communication and collaboration is key as we are developing on the school side of things, and definitely encourage parents to reach out to teachers to assist in guidance of their particular situation.

Openings are still available if your student is interested in joining! You can contact Ms. Ulsh at hulsh@rvk12.org for additional information.

Thank you!

RV Elementary Principals

The deadline to sign up for the orchestra is September 10th! This is also when instruments need to be ordered.

Orchestra classes will start next week before students have their instruments. The orchestra is during their special time. They are required to attend 1 day a week. **If your child has an assignment they need to complete in their special, they can come to orchestra one of the other days I am at their elementary that week.** Please see the attached calendar for our orchestra schedule for September.

If you and your child were not able to make the beginner strings meeting last Thursday, please let me know. I can size them for their instrument the next time I am at their elementary. Once you know your students instrument size, they can be ordered through the Loft Violin Shop's rent-to-own program here: Loft Violin Shop Rental Form

Please see the attached flyer for more info on their rent-to-own program. If your child is in need of a school violin, viola, or cello, we can see what we have available!

If you have any questions please let me know.

Thanks,

Miss Ulsh