Spring 2023

Elementary Band Program Sign-up

Dear Incoming 5th Grade Students & Parents,

As you are looking forward to your 5th grade year, we are excited to offer you the opportunity to join our Elementary Band program! Our instrumental music program is a regular part of our school curriculum and every 5th grade student is given the opportunity to participate. Being a member of band, like chorus and orchestra, offers many educational and social benefits. Additionally, it can lead to the development of what may prove to be a lifetime interest, activity and appreciation for music.

Our band program is offered one day per week at each elementary school. On a certain day, students will meet once for a small group lesson and as a full band ensemble usually at the end of the day. Students will miss some of their other class time to participate in the program but this is done on a rotating basis as all of our teachers are extremely supportive of the music program, recognizing its strong relationship to student success.

Normally, we would host an assembly in your child's school where they would have an opportunity to see and hear the instruments. Due to our remote learning scenario, we have created several videos of the instruments that will be offered in an effort to help your child choose the instrument that interests them the most. Links to those videos are on the next page of this letter. Next, we will ask that you complete an online registration form that will officially sign the student up for the program beginning in September.

On the next page of this letter, there are links to the instrument videos. Upon review, please complete the <u>Elementary Band Registration Form</u> to sign up for our program. We ask that all registrations be completed by <u>June 9th, 2023</u>. Information regarding music rentals can be found <u>here</u>. Securing an instrument is not required to be completed in order for your student to register and can be done over the summer. We will reach out to you with more details on instrument rentals after your register. If you have any questions, please reach out to one of our elementary instrumental teachers listed below depending on the school your student attends. All of the information in this letter and more is available on the <u>Visual and Performing Arts Supervisor page</u> on the district website. We very much look forward to having you become a part of our award-winning band program in our district!

Musically Yours,

Casey Corigliano Supervisor of Visual & Performing Arts Washington Township Public Schools

Elementary Band Directors

Mr. Evan Smith (esmith@wtps.org)
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JOINING THE BAND!

Click on the various instruments to learn more about how each one looks and sounds right from our district's very own elementary instrumental teachers!















Percussion (<u>Snare Drum</u> & <u>Mallets</u>)
Students will learn all percussion instruments