

Elementary Instrumental Music

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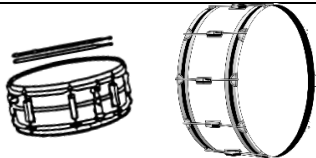

Why Join Instrumental Music?

The purpose of our music program is to begin the study of a musical instrument and to experience the pleasure of music through playing that instrument. Students participating in band or violin also develop self-confidence, responsibility, self-discipline, and teamwork. Additionally, research shows that there is a strong connection between learning an instrument and improved test scores and grades.

When Are Lessons?

Starting the week of August 21, instrumental music classes are bi-weekly and take place during regular school hours. Students will be assigned to either Beginning Music or Advanced Music depending on their level of experience. Students will also be required to make up any classwork that they may miss while attending music lessons.

What Instruments Can I Play?

Flute	Clarinet	Saxophone	Trumpet	Trombone
				
Percussion (Select 2 nd Year Players Only)			Violin (Wilson Only)	
				



How Do I Get Started?

Renting Vs. Buying an Instrument:

- Renting is a great way to decide if your child is “serious” about music
- Many stores have Rent-to-Own programs
- If you are interested in buying an instrument, PLEASE select a quality brand (Email me if you would like guidance)
- Please DO NOT get a colored instrument! (ie purple flute or blue trumpet) They are not good quality instruments and will always need repairs.

Rental Night:

Compare local music store prices all in one location!
Citrus Hills Intermediate School (MPR) Wednesday, August 16 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Instrument Petting Zoos:

Opportunity to play & hold each instrument with the help of an expert before you select your instrument!
Thursday, August 17 at Ben Franklin Elementary School (MPR) From 3:15-4:15 p.m.

Suggested Music Stores:

Music & Arts Center, Corona 951-735-5924
IE Music, Corona 951-479-1261
JKEAA Music, Riverside 951-789-1422



For all band instruments: Method Book: Sound Innovations for Concert Band, Book 1 (for the respective instrument), Pencil & Binder for sheet music, Cleaning Cloth, Wire foldable music stand for home practice (highly recommended)

For Trumpet: Valve Oil & Tuning Slide Grease

For Trombone: Slide Oil

For Clarinet & Saxophone: At least three #2 sized reeds (this is an on-going purchase throughout the year), cork grease, reed guard, neck strap (saxophones only).

For Percussion: Snare Drum Mallets, Practice Pad & Stand

For Violin: Method Book: Orchestra Expressions, Book 1, Resin, Tuner, Replacement Strings, Cleaning Cloth, Pencil & Binder

What Are My Commitments?

Attendance: Instrumental music students must attend each rehearsal with their instrument and music. If the student does not consistently bring required materials to rehearsal, he/she may be asked to return to class.

Practice: Students are expected to practice a little bit every day at home as their music “homework”. The most successful musicians are those who dedicate time and energy to their instrument consistently every single day. Each instrument requires a unique set of skills, and weekly music classes alone will not be enough to perfect these skills.

Performances: We will do 2 or more major performances during the school year. Performances are a culmination of all the learning that students have done and an opportunity for them to showcase their talents. Families of participating students are highly encouraged to attend the performances and cheer for their superstars!

How Do I Sign Up?

(Please cut off this portion and return to your classroom teacher this week or to Mrs. Diaz on the first day of band)

School: _____

Student Name: _____ Instrument Choice: _____

Grade Level: _____ 1st year: _____ 2nd year: _____ Classroom Teacher: _____ Room #: _____

Parent Email: _____ Phone #: _____





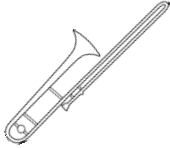
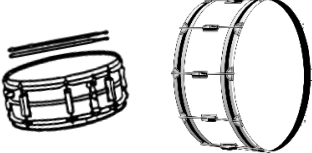



Be A Part Of The Band!

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Lessons are offered for the following instruments:

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Upcoming Dates:

Event	Date	Details
<u>Rental Night:</u> Compare local music store prices in one location	Wednesday, August 16	Citrus Hills Intermediate School MPR 6:00-8:00 p.m.
<u>Instrument Petting Zoos:</u> Try before you buy! Hold & play instruments w/ the help of expert musicians	Thursday, August 17	Benjamin Franklin Elementary School MPR 3:15-4:15 p.m.
<u>Recruitment Week:</u> Fliers sent home with students	Week of August 14	Distributed in classrooms at school sites
<u>1st Week of Lessons:</u> Caring for & holding instrument, 1 st sounds	Week of August 21	Bi-weekly lessons during school hours. Days to be announced

Sign up forms and all additional information about the Instrumental Music Program will also be posted on your school's website