

New & experienced 5th graders are invited to join 5th Grade Band!

Elementary Band Registration

Please register by the end of September (preferably by September 21).

<https://www.lwsd.org/programs-and-services/elementary-band-and-orchestra/elementary-band-and-orchestra-registration>

How will band meet during Remote Learning?

We will have two asynchronous band lessons a week, plus some optional live practices for the whole class and/or small groups (**first live full band class is Wed, Sep. 23, 2:30 to 3:00**). The asynchronous lessons will include videos, apps, and Essential Elements Interactive. In live instruction, we will review, answer questions, play music with the teacher and others, and play music reading games.

Who can join the 5th grade band?

Both new and returning band members are encouraged to join us. We will have instruction at different levels, so don't worry if you have never played an instrument or haven't played since March!

Who is the instructor for the classes?

Mrs. Julie Werth, a private clarinet instructor in Redmond, and a band director with 22 years of experience.

Will band interfere with other activities?

Band is a fantastic opportunity for you and your family. We always have many active accomplished athletes, dancers, actors and other interesting people playing in our bands.

What book should we buy?

Essential Elements Interactive, book 1. Please make sure that you purchase the book designated for your student's instrument. They are available at all local music stores. Please write your student's name on the book.

What equipment does my child need?

Each student will need an instrument, the required accessories, a book, a folder for music and a pencil. We recommend purchasing a care kit. Most students also get a music stand (any type).

The accessories include:

- Flute: cleaning rod, and a handkerchief or soft cloth for cleaning (preferably silk)
- Clarinet: cork grease, a drop through style cleaning cloth, and a minimum of five #2 clarinet reeds.
- Trumpet: valve oil, tuning slide grease, soft cleaning cloth.
- Trombone: slide oil, tuning slide grease, soft cleaning cloth
- Baritone B.C.: valve oil, tuning slide grease, soft cleaning cloth.

Where do we get an instrument?

Most students rent band instruments from a local music store, such as Kennelly Keys Music, Music & Arts, Metropolitan Music, etc. Rent-to-own plans are great! The school has a few trombones and baritones that may be rented by paying a \$100 maintenance fee. **We do not want cost to be a factor in whether or not you join band.** If your family has financial concerns, please contact me.

Please have used instruments checked out by a repair technician. Consider carefully which brand you will rent or buy. Ask the store owner if the instrument is repairable and if parts are easily available. Poor instrument quality is very frustrating for students. Some low quality instruments (even new) arrive broken or are made unrepairable. If you have any questions, please ask me. Please put a nametag on ALL cases.

Elementary Instruments

What instruments are used in Elementary Band?

Almost all band members who were in band last year will continue with the same instrument as before. New band members choose from the instruments pictured below. Returning band students who already signed up to try out for sax or percussion will have their audition in the first couple of weeks. Other instruments seen in older bands are not suitable for beginners. After one or two years on a similar instrument, some students switch to those. Brass, and especially LOW brass are suggested for those who are undecided. All band directors LOVE to have more low brass players.

Low Brass

Trombone



Baritone B.C.

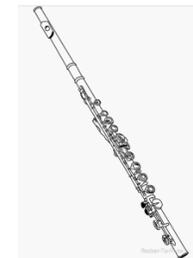


High Brass – Trumpet



Woodwinds

Flute



Clarinet



How do we get started?

1. Online 5th Grade Band Info Night

Our *Online 5th Grade Band Information Night* will be **Tuesday, Sept. 15 at 6:30 PM.** Join us to get information about band and ask questions. This meeting is mainly for parents of beginning students. The link to join the meeting will be given out soon.

2. Beginning band members - Listen to the instruments and choose one.

Listen to the sound of each instrument by clicking on the “Hear Band and Orchestra Instruments” button on the district elementary band and orchestra website at <https://www.lwsd.org/programs-and-services/elementary-band-and-orchestra>. Then students, with their parents’ help, should decide what they would like to play.

3. Returning band members

Almost all 2nd year band members play the same instrument as in the 1st year, since the goal is to get more advanced and play better and better music.

4. Register – both beginners & returning members need to register at

<https://www.lwsd.org/programs-and-services/elementary-band-and-orchestra/elementary-band-and-orchestra-registration>

5. Start of band! – 1st live class Sep 23, 2:30 - 3:00

Asynchronous classes start in the week of September 21. Our first online live class is Wednesday, September 23, from 2:30 to 3:00 pm. The live classes are optional, but I hope you will join us. You will receive an invitation to the live classes. Instruments are optional for the first live class.

I don't have my instrument or book yet. Should I still START band?

YES! We can wait for your instrument or book to show up but there's information you need from the very first rehearsal. Please show up even if you're empty-handed.



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Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Mrs. Julie Werth: e-mail: jwerth@lwsd.org. If you would like a phone call, please send me your phone number. I will be happy to call you back.



The Lake Washington School District provides group instrumental music instruction for all 4th and 5th graders. The goals of this program are to introduce the student to performing music on an instrument, working within a group of other musicians, and help them progress to performing groups at the Middle School and High School level. The Redmond Region instrumental music program has been very successful for several years, and we hope you and your child will choose to take part in this exciting and beneficial program.