

What Instrument Do You Want to Play?

Dear Pinecrest Fourth Grade Parents and Guardians,

Central Kitsap School District believes music to be an important part of all students' education. We offer general music classes to all our elementary students. Beginning in the fifth grade, band and orchestra are offered to those students who want to begin to learn to play an instrument, so they can be part of the band or orchestra in middle and high school. Beginning Band and Orchestra is designed to be the start of a multiyear curriculum. Band and orchestra require extra time and effort from both the student and parent, such as consistent home practicing, attending two evening performances, obtaining a quality instrument, and bringing an instrument back and forth from home to school every day, etc. Students love seeing how their hard work and dedication to an instrument can pay off to create cool music and increasingly provide more challenges to master!

Today, students were introduced to several band and orchestra instruments during school in hopes they will select an instrument they would like to play. These instruments are carefully selected by the director for each student to match them with the instrument that they would be most successful with in a large mixed instrument class. The choice is an important one and should be given careful thought and consideration. Students will make the most progress picking an instrument and sticking with it as they progress through the program into middle and high school. Later, students may audition for advanced instruments as they develop their musical abilities, knowledge and practice habits. For questions about instrumentation please email Mr. Demmert or Mr. Palmer using the address below.

Registration for band or orchestra is simple and only takes a couple of minutes. Once you have decided which instrument you would like to play you can register for band or orchestra online by following the link or QR code provided below:

- Pinecrest band and orchestra online registration: <http://bit.ly/piband>



- QR code:
- In addition, the form can be found on the Pinecrest Elementary school website. From the home page go > activities > band or > orchestra.
- If you do not have internet access you can complete the attached registration form and return it to your fifth grade teacher.

Renting an Instrument: Most families find it best to rent an instrument. Local music stores have beginner rental programs. Ted Brown Music, a local music store, has two rental nights in early September, for your convenience.

Mr. Demmert – band: waded@ckschools.org

Mr. Palmer – orchestra: gabrielp@ckschools.org

Band Website: <http://bit.ly/5gradeband>

Instrumental Music Registration

Student Name _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Family Email Address _____

Home Phone Number _____ School _____

Band and Orchestra Responsibilities

Learning to play an instrument is exciting and fun! However, joining the band or orchestra does include extra responsibilities for both families and students. Knowing these responsibilities will help you decide if joining the band or orchestra is the right choice for your family.

Family Responsibilities:

- Home practice: Provide a place and time to practice, and make sure your student practices at home.
- Evening performances: Provide transportation for your student to attend two evening performances – one in the Fall and one in the Spring.
- Provide an instrument and all required materials. (The school has resources to help families with demonstrated financial need)
- Make sure your student has the ability and transportation necessary to bring their instrument to and from school each day for home practice, regardless of the size of the instrument.

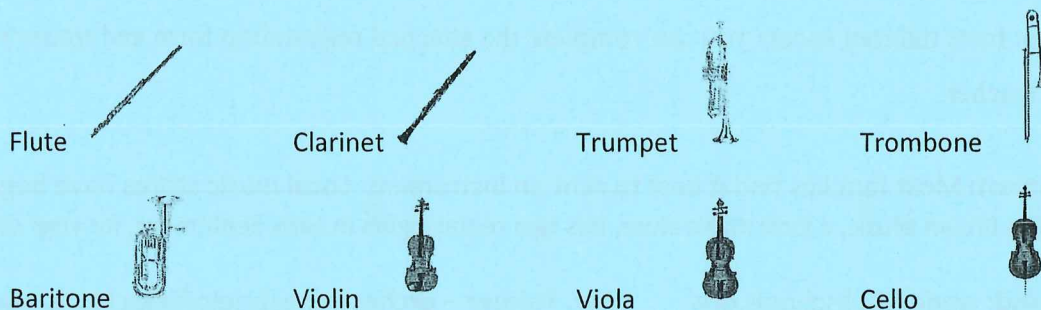
Student Responsibilities:

- Practice at home for 10 minutes daily (no arguing or excuses).
- Bring your instrument and music folder back and forth between school and home every day.
- Participate in two evening Performances.

I have read and understand the additional parent and student responsibilities.

_____ Student initials _____ Parent Initials

Circle the instrument you would like to play:



Return this form to your 4th grade teacher