



Lakeview Beginning Band Program

Did you know?

- As a 5th grade student, your child has the opportunity to learn a band instrument as part of their school day?
- Researchers have found that band participation:

~Enhances High Brain Function

~Improves Reading & Math Performance

~Raises IQ Scores & Proficiency Scores

~Provides Important Experiences that can help Physical Coordination, Timing Memory, Visual, Aural, & Language Skills

~Enhances Cooperation

~Builds Teamwork Skills

Information

As the parent of a 5th grade student, you have the opportunity to have your child become a part of the award-winning Stow-Munroe Falls Band Program. As part of the program your child will receive a 45-minute lesson in place of their music class. The lesson is a small group lesson, with similar instruments. Within this class students will learn how to play the instrument, read music, how to care for the instrument, and how to practice.

During music class, beginning on September 11th, our band staff will present a short program demonstrating the instrument of the band to all 5th grade music classes. Every student will have the opportunity to try each of the band instruments using our instrument [try-out kit](#). This will give your child the chance to determine which instrument is best suited for him/her. The instruments that students may play in 5th grade are listed below:



Flute



Clarinet



Alto
saxophone



Trumpet



Trombone



Percussion

Gold Plan

Gold plan students will have the same opportunities as maroon students. A link to watch an instrument demonstration will be sent to you in your homeroom Google Classroom on September 11th, along with registration information.

Covid-19 and Band FAQs

Is Playing a Wind Instrument Safe Right Now?

We too, have had these thoughts, concerns, and conversations since March. However, we are fortunate to have several universities complete studies that have helped answer this question. The University of Colorado continues to do the most research on this. You can watch their lengthy videos online that go into further detail. For a quick reference, this video does a great job of showing the aerosol trajectory and low risk of playing an instrument:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AsLHFwtpABU>

Additional Questions and/or Concerns?

Please email a director anytime!

We are so excited to start making music again! Making music together online or in person, is, has, and always will be a wonderful experience for your student!

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