

2017-2018 School Year

Extracurricular Elementary Band at Cliff Drive

Extracurricular Elementary Band is being offered again next school year! The band program will be run again by Karen Nakajima (karen.nakajima@gmail.com), a young and enthusiastic musician/music educator in Delta.

The benefits of playing in a band are documented by many studies. These studies have invariably discovered that playing music at school is a prime way to engage students in their schooling with greater success in school. Band not only teaches music reading, instrument technique, and performance skills, but it also teaches self-motivation, self-confidence, and the value of teamwork.

Students can sign up for one of the following groups and have instruction once per week, beginning late September to early June.

Advanced Band (for students with 1 or more years experience): Thursdays 7:45-8:45am

Beginner Band (for students with no previous experience): Wednesdays 7:45-8:45am

Joining Elementary Band in the fall indicates a commitment to stay the full school year. Refunds are not issued. An enrollment of 15 children is needed to run the class. Please impress upon your child that a full school year's effort is required in order to assess his/her ability and interest in band. The fee to join the program is \$300 for the school year payable at the first class, or at the rental night. Monthly payments of \$30 from Sept. - June are also a payment option. Post-dated cheques for the 1st of each month must be handed in at the first class or at the rental night. EARLY REGISTRATION: SAVE \$25 by registering before June 28. Return form below with cheque for \$50 (non-refundable deposit) and cheque for \$225 post-dated for Sept. 15, 2017.

Your child will require an instrument. If using a family instrument, please have it professionally serviced prior to the first lesson by a reputable instrument repairman. A poor quality instrument will hinder or even prevent progress. Excellent rental instruments are available from many stores at very reasonable prices (e.g. Long & McQuade, Northwest Music, Tapestry Music, Tom Lee Music, Matterhorn Music).

The instruments we use in elementary band are flute, oboe, clarinet, alto or tenor saxophone, trumpet, French horn, trombone, baritone, tuba, percussion and electric bass. NB: some of these instruments are very large for young children, so please check with Ms. Nakajima before choosing saxophone, trombone, tuba, electric bass. Choosing a different band instrument to learn first might be recommended. Oboe and French horn are the most difficult instruments and should only be chosen by advanced students who would like to switch to those instruments.

INSTRUMENT RENTAL NIGHT: For your convenience, Tapestry Music personnel (https://www.tapestrymusic.com/) will be setting up shop and offering instrument rentals to all families in September, (date TBA) in the gym at Cliff Drive Elementary. Parents can rent an instrument, obtain the book and a music stand, and meet Ms. Nakajima that evening. If you can't make it to the rental night, then you are able to rent online at www.tapestrymusic.com

The approximate monthly rental price range of the instruments (at Tapestry for example) is:

- Flute, Clarinet, Trumpet, Trombone, Snare Drum - \$11 - \$24 per month
- Alto Sax/Tenor Sax, Oboe - \$47 - \$60+ per month
- Baritone - \$40-45 per month
- Electric Bass & Amp – approx. \$18 per month

In addition: All children must purchase the method book, Essential Elements 2000 Book 1 (approx. \$15.00); Clarinet players and Saxophone players need to also purchase a box of ten #2 reeds (alto sax reeds cost about \$25 per box, Clarinet reeds about \$18). These should last for the whole year. And, we recommend all children purchase a music stand at a cost of about \$15 for home practice.

Please complete the form below, and hand in to the office to Ms. Chapman before June 28 for the early bird registration. Bring cheques, made payable to Karen Nakajima. Cheque 1- for \$50, not post-dated. Cheque 2- for \$225, post-dated Sept. 15, 2017

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Please detach and complete this form and return it to the office on or prior to June 28

Name of child _____ Home Phone No. _____

Grade _____ Level of Band (circle one): Beginner Advanced

I will rent an instrument _____ I have an instrument already _____

Name of Parent(s)/Guardian – please print first and last names

_____ (mother) _____ (father)

Parent Email Address (used for all correspondence) _____

Circle the instrument your child plans to play:

Flute Clarinet Alto sax Tenor sax Trumpet Trombone Baritone Tuba Percussion Electric bass Oboe French horn