

5th Grade Band

Myers Corners Elementary School

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The important stuff:

Students need a 3-ring binder with a hard cover (not the floppy kind).

Band meets Days 2 and 5 at 2:20-3:00

Rent/purchase an instrument ASAP.

Welcome to the band program at Myers Corners Elementary School. My name is Mr. Holod (rhymes with “solid”) and I will be the director this year. I also teach the Wind Ensemble at Roy C. Ketcham High School. This packet contains most of the information you will need for 5th grade. Please keep it so that you may refer to it during the year.

Communication

I post schedules and letters that I hand to students on the 5th Grade Google Classroom.

Instrument Transport & Storage

Students are always allowed to bring instruments to and from school on the bus. Each student is expected to bring his/her instrument home at the end of the day every time the instrument is brought to school. Band instruments should never stay in school overnight. This will allow them the opportunity to practice and ensure that the instrument is safe. Please be sure that the instrument case is marked with the student’s name, school, and classroom. A luggage tag attached to the case handle works well. I also recommend that you write down the serial number and keep it in a safe place should you need it.

The Schedule

It’s a bit complicated at first, but you and your child will get the hang of the lesson and band schedule quickly. I will send home a calendar of lessons each month. Also, the calendar will be available on the 5th Grade Band Google Classroom.

Band Lessons

Band students will have a 40-minute small group lesson once each 6-day rotation. These lessons occur on a rotating pull-out schedule. Classroom teachers will have a schedule of band lessons and students will be excused from class to attend their lesson. During lessons, the students will learn specifics about playing the instruments that cannot be taught during the full band rehearsal. Therefore, small group lessons not only contribute greatly to the individual's musical achievement but to the entire ensemble's as well.

The lessons rotate so that the student does not miss the same class time each week. For example on the first Day 1 Group C has lessons at 10:45. The next Day 1, Group C will meet at 11:25. This is all listed on the schedule and I will write the time and day of the next lesson on each week's practice chart.

A new practice chart will be handed out at each lesson. It will have a small calendar on it showing the next lesson date and time. Students will write down how many minutes they practice on each date until the next lesson. Parents should review and sign the sheet on the night before the next lesson. Below the calendar will be the assignment, grading, and comments.

Band Class

Band will be on Days 2 and 5 and will begin in September. It will be marked on the calendar as "5GB." Every band student will have two band classes per six-day cycle during the school day. Each class is 40 minutes. Students who are not in band will remain in their regular classroom during this time. Fifth grade teachers have this time blocked out on their schedule similar to other 'specials' like Computer, PE, Art and Music. Your child will not miss academic instruction during this time. 5th Grade Band will be held from 2:20 to 3:00 p.m. on the stage in Cafeteria I. Students will return to their classrooms at the end of band for dismissal.

Performances

There will be 2 performances next year.

Our "Informance" will be Thursday, January 26, 7:00pm at RCK High School.

The Spring Concert is Wednesday, May 24, 6:00pm at RCK High School.

Materials and Supplies

All 5th Grade band students need a thin 3-ring binder (1.5" is fine) and the book "Breeze Easy Method" volume 1. If you rented your child's instrument, this book may have been included with the rental. If not, you will need to purchase this book. You may get it locally at Alto Music (297-0011) or Paul Effman Music (452-8528), have it delivered to the school by Diefes and Mikolajeski Music (dandmmusic.com), or from an on-line retailer like Woodwind and Brasswind (wwbw .com).

On band and lesson days, all 5th Grade Band students must come to school with the following supplies:

Pencil

3-ring binder

Practice sheet: completed and initialed by a parent

Breeze Easy book