

Devon Music

August 2024

Dear Parents of Third and Fourth Graders,

Your child is invited to participate in a music ensemble this year!

3rd Graders: *String Orchestra*

Third grade students may join the **Orchestra** and receive instruction on **Violin, Viola, or Cello**. Small group lessons start in September and take place once a cycle for 30 minutes during the school day. In January, students will also begin Prelude Orchestra rehearsals, which meet once a cycle before school at 8:15 a.m. All string students will participate in group lessons *and* orchestra rehearsals.

4th Graders: *String Orchestra, Band & Chorus*

Fourth grade students may join the **Chorus** (large singing ensemble) and/or receive instruction on a **Band** and/or **Orchestra** instrument (**Flute, Clarinet, Alto Saxophone, Trumpet, French Horn, Trombone, Baritone, Percussion, Violin, Viola, Cello**). Small group lessons start in September and take place once a cycle for 30 minutes during the school day. Ensemble rehearsals take place once a cycle before school at 8:15 a.m. Fourth graders may participate in more than one ensemble and may learn one new instrument per year.

Register Here: www.tesd.net/devonmusic

Please register by **Friday, September 6!** This is also a resource page for instrument demonstration videos and Band instrument supplies.

Acquire an Instrument

For String/Band lessons, we ask that you provide your child with an instrument, book, and accessories by the first week of school. You may choose to use an instrument that you have in your possession (must be in excellent playing condition and of proper size) or you may elect to rent an instrument. If you are unable to provide an instrument for your child, please contact our guidance counselor, Mrs. Noel (NoelT@tesd.net) regarding the FLITE program.

Thank you for your interest in our music ensembles!

TESD Elementary Music Staff

Mrs. Christy Brown – Band & Chorus – BrownC@tesd.net

Mrs. Abbey Mertz – String Orchestra – MertzA@tesd.net

Dr. John Mull – Music Supervisor – MullJ@tesd.net

Local Music Stores

These vendors have expressed interest in working with our district. Their listing does not necessarily denote endorsement by the school district.

Music & Arts

371A W. Lancaster Ave
Wayne, PA
610-687-1721
www.musicarts.com

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Lawrence Pk Shop Ctr
1991 Sproul Rd, Unit 26
Broomall, PA
610-356-4674

Taylor's Music

116 W. Gay Street
West Chester, PA
610-696-1812
www.taylorsmusic.com

Music Instruments, Books & Accessories

3rd & 4th Grade Strings

- Lesson Book: **Essential Elements for Strings, Book 1**, Allen, Gillespie, Hayes & Higgens
- All Violin & Viola students need a shoulder sponge.
- All string instruments need fingerboard tape (this should be done at the music store).
- All string instruments need to be the appropriate size.

4th Grade Band

Find this list online at www.tesd.net/devonmusic in "Band Instrument Accessories".

- Lesson Book: **Standard of Excellence, book 1**, Bruce Pearson, Neil A. Kjos Music Co.
- A **music stand** for home practice
- An **identification tag** on your instrument case.
- **Flute:** cleaning rod, swab
- **Clarinet:** packet of **size 2 reeds**, swab, cork grease
- **Saxophone:** packet of **size 2 reeds**, swab, cork grease, neck strap
- **Trumpet, Baritone, and French Horn:** valve oil
- **Trombone:** slide oil/cream
- **Percussion:** acquire a **Bell Kit** (includes bells, mallets, practice pad, sticks)



District policy states musical instruments must be able to fit on the student's lap or under the seat ahead of them without endangering the safety of other students. Students with large instruments may need to provide their own transportation to school on lesson days. (Cello, Baritone, Percussion)