

Devon: Music

August 2020

Dear Parents of Third and Fourth Graders,

We are very pleased to be able to offer your child virtual instrumental and choral music instruction this year!

3rd Grade ~ String Orchestra

Third grade students are invited to play a string instrument (**Violin, Viola, or Cello**). Group lessons begin virtually in October, during the school day, one time per cycle. More details will be available during your child's asynchronous Music Class in September.

4th Grade ~ String Orchestra, Band & Chorus

Fourth grade students are invited to play a string instrument (**Violin, Viola, or Cello**), a band instrument (**Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Alto Saxophone, Trumpet, French Horn, Trombone, Baritone, Percussion**), and/or sing in the **Chorus!** Group instrument lessons begin virtually in October, during the school day, one time per cycle. Chorus and Orchestra rehearsals will begin virtually in October. More details will be available during your child's asynchronous Music Class in September.

Registration ~ www.tesd.net/devonmusic

Thank you to everyone who has already registered! Registration will be open until **Friday, October 2nd**. Please visit Mrs. Brown's teacher page (above) to register.

Acquiring an Instrument

For String/Band lessons, we ask that you provide your child with an instrument, book, and supplies by the first lesson. 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. **A list of music stores and important supplies is on the back.** Please be sure your child accompanies you to the music store to ensure that he/she receives the correct size 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, "Music In Our Schools".

Thank you for your interest in the music program at Tredyffrin/Easttown School District!

Sincerely,
District Elementary Music Staff

Mrs. Christy Brown – Band & Chorus – BrownC@tesd.net
Mrs. Abbey Mertz – Strings/Orchestra – MertzA@tesd.net
Shannon Downing – Music Supervisor – DowningS@tesd.net

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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 Park Shopping 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.taylorismusic.com

Music Books & Supplies

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

Links for purchasing these items online are at www.tesd.net/devonmusic in "Band Instrument Supplies".

- Lesson Book: **Standard of Excellence, Book 1**, Bruce Pearson, Neil A. Kjos Music Co.
- Music Stand for home practice.
- **Flute:** cleaning rod, swab
- **Oboe:** 3 double reeds (**medium-soft**)*, cleaning swab, cork grease
- **Clarinet:** packet of **size 2 reeds***, cleaning swab, cork grease
- **Saxophone:** packet of **size 2 reeds*** cleaning swab, cork grease, neck strap
**Reeds are delicate pieces of wood that will break easily and do not last forever. You will need to purchase more as they are used throughout the school year.*
- **Trumpet, Baritone, and French Horn:** valve oil
- **Trombone:** slide oil/cream
- **Percussion:** rent or purchase a **Bell Kit** (includes bells, mallets, practice pad, sticks)