

Devon: Music

May 2022

Dear Parents of *Future* Third and Fourth Graders,

We are very pleased to be able to offer your child music instruction next year!

3rd Graders: *String Orchestra*

Third grade students may receive instruction on String instruments (**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** and/or receive instruction on String and/or Band instruments (**Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Alto Saxophone, Trumpet, French Horn, Trombone, Baritone, Percussion**). Group lessons begin in September and take place once a cycle for 30 minutes during the school day. Encore Orchestra and Chorus rehearsals begin in September (Band begins in January) and take place once a cycle before school at 8:15 a.m. Fourth graders may participate in more than one ensemble. [Watch T/E music teachers demonstrate the band instruments on Flipgrid!](#) (<https://flipgrid.com/jointheband> - username is "band2020")

Registration: www.tesd.net/devonmusic

Visit Mrs. Brown's teacher page (above) to register for any of our Devon Music Ensembles for the 2022-2023 school year. It is recommended to register before the school year begins.

Acquiring an Instrument

For String/Band lessons, we ask that you provide your child with an instrument, book, and supplies 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. A list of music stores and important supplies is on the next page. 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.

BUS NOTE: 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 should provide their own transportation to school on lesson days. (Ex: Cello, baritone, etc.)

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 – String Orchestra – MertzA@tesd.net
Dr. Anthony Dilella – Music Supervisor – DilellaA@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.
- A **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)