



"Modern Band teaches kids to perform, improvise and compose using the popular styles that they know and love including rock, pop, hip hop, and other modern styles. Our Modern Band programs leverage the cultural capital of the children we serve. They expand upon existing music programming such as Marching Band, Jazz Band and Chorus, making music available to children who might otherwise not participate in traditional music classes." - From the Little Kids Rock website

Dear Leawood Elementary Families,

The new after school Leawood Rock Band will be starting soon! Students pick an instrument to focus on (ukulele, drums, guitar, bass, keyboard, or singing) and learn critical thinking, creative, listening, performing, and collaborative skills playing together with bandmates.

Here is some detailed information about the club:

- Open to students in **4th, 5th, and 6th grade**.
- There is a **\$12 fee** to cover instrument repairs and guest instructors. If this cost is prohibitive to students, contact Mr. Zigman and we can discuss a scholarship.
- Rehearsals will be **Wednesday afternoons from 3:45-5:30pm** starting **January 30th** and ending **April 24th**. We will have snack time before rehearsal so come prepared with a healthy snack. There will be no rehearsal the week of spring break. There are a total of 12 rehearsals. To ensure uniform performance quality, **students who miss more than 3 rehearsals will not be able to participate in concerts**.
- Students must be able to commit to all three mandatory concerts. Concert dates are the **Columbine Area Choral Festival on April 17th**, the **Leawood Garden Ceremony on April 20th**, and the **Leawood Spring Concert on April 23rd**.
- Auditions will be held in February/March for singing, bass, guitar, and drum solos.
- Here is the tentative repertoire list for 2019:
 - The Way I Am - Charlie Puth
 - Growing Pains - Alessia Cara
 - Running Up That Hill - Kate Bush (vocal only)
 - Big Yellow Taxi - Joni Mitchell (vocal only)

If your student is interested in participating in the Leawood Rock Band and can commit to all rehearsals and concerts, please **return the permission slip on the next page by Tuesday, January 22nd**.

If you have any questions, please e-mail me at joel.zigman@jeffco.k12.co.us or call me at (201) 725-0670. Thank you for all of your support and I look forward to hearing your student shine on stage!

Sincerely,
Mr. Zigman

Leawood Rock Band Permission Slip

I give my student, _____, permission to participate in the Leawood Rock Band. I understand that my student will:

- Participate in rehearsals on Wednesdays from 3:45-5:30pm starting January 30th and ending April 24th. My student will not miss more than 3 rehearsals and will bring a healthy snack to rehearsal.
- Participate in all three mandatory concerts (Columbine Area Choral Festival on April 17th, the Leawood Garden Ceremony on April 20th, and the Leawood Spring Concert on April 23rd).
- Pay the \$12 fee or speak with Mr. Zigman about a scholarship.
- Arrange their own transportation from school after rehearsals and to and from concerts.
- Be on time for concerts and rehearsals.
- Follow expected behavior agreements during rehearsals and concerts.

Family Signature: _____ Date: _____

My child will (check appropriately):

___ Walk home ___ ride bike
___ be picked up by parent /guardian (students will be dismissed at 5:30 through the East doors)
___ go with _____ phone# _____.
___ go to SAE

Does your student have any allergies or medical concerns that we should be aware of? _____
If yes, please describe _____

In case of emergency contact _____ ph# _____

I am interested in volunteering and would like to help with (check all that apply):

- ☐ Instrument instruction (circle one: keyboard, guitar, bass, drums, ukulele, singing)
- ☐ Gear set up/takedown
- ☐ Video and sound technology
- ☐ Donating instruments.