



Olympia School District

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Dear OSD Families ,

For many 5th graders a long awaited milestone has been reached! Today in their classroom your child observed a demonstration of the woodwind, brass, and stringed instruments. Your child now has the opportunity to be in Band or Orchestra and begin instruction at school on the Violin, Viola, Cello, Trombone, Trumpet, Clarinet, or Flute. This is the typical first step to being in Band and Orchestra at the middle school and high school. It is only necessary that you provide your child with an instrument and the method book your teacher specifies to take advantage of this program. If providing an instrument will be a financial difficulty, The Olympia School District has a supply of instruments available to help families in this situation. Please contact your child's band or orchestra teacher for more information.

If you would like your child to participate, you and your child should plan to attend one of the information and registration meetings next week, if possible. If unable to attend please contact your student's teacher for the important information. The meetings will be:

Tuesday, September 9th at Jefferson Middle School 6:30 to 7:15 pm

OR

Wednesday, September 10th at Washington Middle School 6:30 to 7:15 pm

The meetings will begin in the Gymnasium

You may choose to come either evening depending on your schedule. The time will be spent sharing important information such as how to obtain an instrument, sizing, and the commitment involved in learning to play a musical instrument. Students may not register without a guardian attending this meeting. If you cannot make one of these meetings please contact your student's teacher who you can find on the reverse side of this letter.

Classes meet 90 minutes per week. Depending on the school that will either be three 30 minute sessions or two 45 minute sessions per week. Exact schedules and starting date will be communicated by your schools' teachers. Do not worry about having an instrument on the first day of class, but do plan to have an instrument by Wednesday, September 18.

Learning to play an instrument is an adventure that can bring great joy and pride in accomplishment. It can open the door to a lifetime of memorable experiences and active participation. We look forward to meeting you and to having your child as a student.

Sincerely,

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