

Dear 5th Grade Parents and Community,

I am so pleased to be working with your students this year! The 5th grade instrumental music program is quite unique to BVSD and we teachers enjoy the opportunity we have to present students with a completely new musical experience. Your Flatirons student will have an even more unique experience as they are going to learn a wind instrument and a string instrument. This is the first time an offering like this has happened in BVSD and I am pleased to offer this to your community. I will be at your school twice a week for 40 minutes every Monday and Thursday from 2:55-3:35 starting on August 19th. Today I introduced 3 string instruments that your student will pick one of to commit to between now and January. **In the spring**, students will pick one of four band instruments to commit to between January and May.

Instruments your students can select
Orchestra – Violin, Viola, Cello
Band – Flute, Clarinet, Trumpet, Trombone

On our first day of class we will do a “shallow dive” into these instruments with all 5th graders. We will show them videos of professionals performing to give them a clear picture of the tone, range, and repertoire that they can eventually perform. We will take a little time to discuss the characteristics of each instrument and give them an idea of the qualities and challenges associated to each. By the next class period we will ask that students narrow down their decision to one or two instruments. Over the course of the next meeting time students will get an opportunity to try their top two instruments with the assigned instrumental teacher. (IN JANUARY) -For wind instruments, **all mouthpieces will be thoroughly sanitized and cleaned between students**, but if you do not feel comfortable with your student physically trying the mouthpiece out, **please contact your instrumental music teacher**.

Once all students have had an opportunity to try both their instruments, we encourage you to call/email/visit the following BVSD approved vendors to rent their instrument.

[APPROVED MUSIC VENDORS](#)

If you need access to a district owned instrument, students need to submit their request by September 8th. Forms/links will be distributed soon. These instruments are typically reserved for students in financial hardship on a first come first served basis.

If you have any questions, please contact me
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All instruments @ Flatirons

