

## Instrument Information Night & Instrument Petting Zoo

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Welcome back to a new school year! As you may know, students in fourth and fifth grade are eligible to learn a musical instrument! Learning to play an instrument is truly a rewarding experience where students not only develop musical skills, but life skills including critical thinking, collaboration, creativity, communication, and citizenship. This experience does require practice and perseverance, but it is an opportunity that they can enjoy through high school and beyond.

Students who enroll in the instrumental music program will attend one thirty minute lesson a week during the school day. The lesson time rotates so students are not missing the same subject each week. Students will also have the opportunity to participate in the band or orchestra and perform in 2-3 concerts a year!

We will hold two information nights where we will share information about the program and the instrument options. Additionally, this year, students will have the opportunity to explore the instruments up close and try them before making their decision on what instrument to play. We encourage any parent/guardian who has a student in grade four or five interested in joining the instrumental music program to attend this informational meeting to learn more about the program and the expectations.

Attached is a flier with information about the information nights. If you have any questions, you can contact the instrumental music educator at your child's school. We look forward to seeing you at our kick off meeting next week!

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## Attention 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Students & Parents! Join the Band or Orchestra!

You are invited to an instrument petting zoo! Learn about the instrumental music program and then try out different instruments!

> Wednesday, September 3 6:30 PM Foran High School Auditorium

Thursday, September 4 6:30 PM Jonathan Law High School Auditorium

Please attend the evening that works best for your family!