



Dear Plum Borough Elementary Parents:

The Plum Borough Instrumental Music Department invites you to consider instrumental music study for your child this fall. Music offers every individual a chance to experience the joy of self-expression at a new level. Musical study can stimulate wonder and imagination, stretch a student's intellectual and creative skills, and teach positive self-discipline through practice and performance. Our elementary instrumental music program offers the opportunity to study instruments in small groups and to perform in large groups in a variety of settings. The students will have in-school lessons once per cycle for 30 minutes on a rotating schedule.

Each fall we start beginner classes in instrumental music. Students may begin **band** and **string** lessons in grades 4, 5, or 6. Your child is also permitted to play in **BOTH** Strings and Band!

If you need additional information, please contact:

Mrs. Martz (strings)- martzm@pbsd.net

Mrs. Marion (band)- marione@pbsd.net

[Want to hear what the instruments sound like?](#)

Being in instrumental music not only helps your child develop their musical ability, it also helps them develop their creativity, focus, perseverance, confidence, non-verbal communication, and collaboration with their peers! We hope you will consider enrolling your child in this worthwhile endeavor!

If your child is showing interest, please complete the google form located on our website

Sincerely,

The Elementary Instrumental Music Staff of Plum Borough School District

Erin Marion
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Obtaining an instrument

A central factor in achieving success on an instrument is the quality of the instrument. Please peruse the rental information linked below for both Johnstonbaugh's and Volkweins, and make the best choice for your family. For a child to have success on a musical instrument, it is critical that the instrument be of good quality, fitted correctly, and be in good playing condition. Children are rarely successful when they play on instruments that are of the wrong size, poor quality, or in poor working condition and sadly many of the "great deals" advertised online are most often poor quality instruments. If you have an heirloom instrument we suggest you contact the instrumental staff and ask them to evaluate the condition. Purchasing instruments from the internet or non professional outlets is risky and frequently results in costly repairs to bring it up to standards. If you have any questions on any of these materials, please contact the instrumental music teacher at your child's school. Should your financial circumstances make it difficult to obtain an instrument, please know that a limited number of school-owned instruments are available for little or no fee for your child to use. Please contact us for more information.

Thank you for considering instrumental music study for your child! It is a valuable and vital part of any child's well-rounded education and provides many wonderful opportunities for all who participate!

Johnstonbaugh's Music Center

140 Sandune Dr.

Plum, PA 15239

Phone: 724-519-2114

Rental Information Link:

<https://www.johnstonbaughs.com/t-ourrentalprogram.aspx>

Volkwein's Music

138 Industry Dr.

Pittsburgh, PA 15275

Phone: 1800.553.8742

Extension 610 for Rentals

[Volkwein's Rental Flier](#)

<https://www.volkweinsmusic.com/pages/rentals>

String Instrument Supply Information

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[String Instrument Sizing Chart](#)

Band Instrument Supply Information

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