

# Rensselaer Park Elementary School

## 4/5 Grade Band

The RPES 4/5 grade band is composed of all instrumental students in grades 4/5. It consists of students who will already have had 1 year of study on their instrument, as well as complete newbies starting their band musician journey!! .

### Topics of Study

- **Tone:** Students will focus on getting a consistent healthy sound coming out of their instrument.
- **Rhythm:** Students will learn to create, identify, and perform rhythm patterns in their repertoire varying in common time
- **Range:** Students will focus on developing a proper range on their instrument
- **Musicality:** Dynamics and overall musicality will be identified and practiced upon to achieve a collective sound to the ensemble.

### Lessons

Lessons will be given similar to the students' previous years. Unfortunately, since Ms. Sisti teaches between two buildings, sometimes students will miss the same class more frequently. Students must inform their teacher of the lesson and come to the band room for the lesson.

**The lessons are a mandatory part of the students' education - it's essentially their class with me.**

### **Here are the expectations:**

- 1: Lessons: Once a Week - Be prepared (instrument, book, music, and pencil) and make sure you have your previous assignment learned.
- 2: For Technical Studies: (Scales, Warm-Ups, Music Packet(s), Band Music, etc.) to be practiced!
- 3: Completing Small Creative Music Assignments - in the Beginning and End of the Year!
- 4: Monitoring Lesson Attendance (Showing up to your Lessons!) - *Lesson Schedules are posted in their classrooms, weekly on Google Classroom, our class website, and emailed home weekly - **please make sure the parent emails are updated in our school systems to ones regularly used!***

### **\*Concerts - for Returners/ those that are PAST beginner packets ONLY\***

*RPES hosts concerts for those in the RPES Choir, and those that are invited to join the After School Band! If your child is brand new to the game, once they complete their beginner packet and show they are ready for harder music, they are invited to join us! If your child has been in After School Band previously, they are automatically reinstated (unless they switch instruments!)*

There are **2 Mandatory Concerts** for Returning RPES students/those who pass beginner packet - these are equivalent major assessments held in their classrooms (more might be added through the year)

**Returner/Past Packet Students** are to **arrive no later than 30 minutes before** concert - this is to make sure we get accurate attendance as well as set up/warm-up our instruments -

**Dress code for those in concerts: WHITE TOP, BLACK BOTTOMS**

*Select Students might be invited to perform in NYSSMA Solo Festival in 2025 as well as the Rensselaer Park All County Festival (January of 2025)*

**All Concerts are located in the KMS Auditorium:**

- Winter Concert: December 18th- starts @ 7pm at LHS
- Spring Concert: May 13th - starts @ 7pm

