

Dear Bear Creek Area 5th Grade Families,

Welcome to 5th grade, and the wonderful world of instrumental music! Learning to play a musical instrument and belonging to the school band or orchestra opens up a whole new world of friendship and fun. As a musician, a child is able to take advantage of music performance with orchestras and bands at the elementary, middle school, high school levels, and beyond. Orchestra and band students may participate fully in the academic offerings in school, athletics, and other extracurricular activities.

What do we need to know?

- We will visit every 5th grade classroom between August 20th-Sept. 4th for students to experience the instruments available to them this year. We are asking students to think critically about the sounds of the different instruments and choose an instrument they love the sound of!
- We will have an instrument rental night on **Sept. 4th**, at Bear Creek High School (9800 W. Dartmouth Pl, Lakewood 80227). It's an open house format, please come between 5-8pm. Music stores will be ready and available to rent an instrument to you! Mr. Hunt and Ms. Heisler will be available to answer any questions you may have.
- Please **register your student** for class on [this form](#) once they have selected an instrument to play.
 - We strongly recommend renting an instrument through a music store, as you will obtain a high quality instrument. **Please** do not purchase an instrument from a big box store or from an online retailer. As with anything, you get what you pay for. An instrument selling for \$60 may seem like a great deal, but your student will have a hard time making sound on it, and it may break or fall apart within the first few classes. Please check with one of us about the brand of instrument if you are thinking of purchasing one. Instruments should also be a "normal" color (please no red, pink, orange, etc. instruments. They may look really cool, but they will not have a good sound). If you have a question as to the quality of an instrument, please contact one of us!
 - If renting an instrument is a financial hardship for your family, please speak to either one of us at Rental Night, or contact us. We do not want that to be the reason a student does not joinband or orchestra.
- Please view this [family slide deck](#) for more detailed information

We are so excited for you to become part of the band and orchestra community! Please reach out to us with any questions you may have (email is best).

Sincerely,

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