



LANE SCHOOL GRADE 5 BEGINNER BAND

GREETINGS!!!

As your student starts the fifth grade year at Lane School, they have the opportunity to play an instrument in the Lane School Band.

If you need financial assistance and your child really wants to play in band, please email or call me about band scholarships. I handle these matters privately and with respect. All children should be able to participate.

INSTRUMENTS

Students can choose from a variety of instruments to learn:

- Woodwind Instruments (Flute, Clarinet, Alto Saxophone, or Oboe)
- Brass Instruments (Trumpet, Trombone, Baritone Horn/Euphonium)
- Percussion ("Combo Bell & Drum Kit" includes **both** bells and snare drum—something like the Pearl PL910C)

HOW DO I REGISTER MY STUDENT?

Parents should log into Aspen by the end of June. There are detailed Aspen directions on the Lane School Music webpage. When signing up, please make sure you sign your child up for ALL ensembles that they are interested in (band/orchestra/chorus). Be sure to read all the information presented at that time. If your child changes their mind over the summer and would like to participate, please just send me an email: nicole_otoole@bedfordps.org

WHAT WILL MY CHILD NEED?

- **INSTRUMENT** ~ You may purchase or rent from a vendor of your choice. More info can be found at: www.bedfordps.org ~ Lane School ~ Academics ~ Music ~ Lane School Band.
- **BOOK** ~ "**Sound Innovations for Concert Band BOOK 1**" for their particular instrument. The book is written by Robert Sheldon and Peter Boonshaft and is published by Alfred. This book has a white and blue cover. Percussion will need the "Combined Percussion" book.
- **REEDS** ~Saxophone and clarinet players should have at least four working reeds in their cases at all times—ask for the specific instrument and strength 2 reeds. Oboe players should also have a few good reeds in their cases. Many of the area music stores sell reeds or they may be purchased online. If you need a link for what to purchase, please email me.

LESSON INFORMATION

Group lessons in school are free of charge and are given once per week with like instruments. Each group has a lesson once a week Monday through Friday—the schedule will be determined after students have registered. You will be informed via email of your child's lesson day.

ATTENDANCE & CONCERTS

The Lane School Band will perform in three concerts. They are currently planned for late December, late March, and near Memorial Day. Students are expected to attend their weekly lesson in order to learn new skills and prepare for the concerts. If needed, a student may make-up a missed lesson by attending another lesson time that same week. Lesson attendance will be made known to you through email.

WHEN DO LESSONS BEGIN?

Lessons with instruments will begin the first full week of school. Via email, I will inform you as to your student's lesson day.

MORNING BAND

As the first concert approaches we will begin to meet as a full group before school. Here students, who are able to arrive early, will learn to work as an ensemble and play together. You will receive the details as the time nears.

If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. I look forward to meeting your student and continuing what has become a great tradition of instrumental music in the Bedford Public Schools!

Wishing you an excellent summer!

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