



Jeffers Hill Band Program Information

Welcome Jeffers Hill Families! I am delighted that you are interested in learning about the school band program.

Here is some information about the band program to help you decide if you would like your child to learn a band instrument at school this year.

Students who would like to learn a band instrument can begin lessons in school in 4th grade. If your child is a beginner band student in the fifth grade, every effort will be made to find lesson time spots in the band teaching schedule.

It is recommended that students and their parents take some time to talk with the band teacher before deciding which instrument is the right choice. Students need to obtain an instrument, method book, and necessary accessories to begin lessons. Generally speaking, the school does not provide instruments for band students. There are a limited number of school-owned instruments to lend to students.

It is recommended that parents rent a quality instrument at a reputable music store. Rental fees are usually able to be applied to the purchase of an instrument when you are sure that your child is going to continue playing the instrument in years to come. Before purchasing, please check with Mrs. Curry to ensure that the brand and instrument choice is appropriate as this is crucial to your child's success. Most music stores will include a repair option as a provision of the rental contract. Music stores do not carry repair parts for instruments of inferior quality that are purchased through the internet or from warehouse stores. Children experience a great deal of frustration trying to learn on a low-quality instrument. Please provide your child with an instrument in excellent working condition so he or she will be successful in their home and school practice.

Classes are scheduled to begin the week of September 25th, 2017

Please feel free to contact me at any time by email or call the school and leave a message. I look forward to a wonderful year teaching your children in band!

Sincerely,

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