

WELCOME TO ELEMENTARY BAND 2017/18!

Fort Langley | North Otter | Peterson Road

INSTRUMENT SELECTION: As we begin our year, we will start meeting with students the week of September 11, but students will not need instruments until the week of September 18. Many of you received your child's intake letter for band last spring, but if you have not, we will be discussing instrument selection during the first two classes. Please feel free to discuss your child's interests with me at mfollett@sd35.bc.ca so we can help select the instrument that will help them find the most success.

ONLINE RENTALS: Tapestry Music offers online rentals which will be delivered in time to start rehearsals. Please find more at www.tapestrymusic.com and click on "School Rentals". As long as you place your order by Friday, September 15, your instrument will be delivered to your child at school by your first with-instrument rehearsal.

IN-PERSON RENTALS: You can rent or purchase instruments and other required materials through Tapestry Music (604-538-0908), Long & McQuade Music (604-530-8704) or Tom Lee Music (604-532-8303).

THREE WARNINGS ABOUT INSTRUMENT RENTAL OR PURCHASE:

1. Do not buy an instrument from a non-music store! These are often poorly constructed, break very easily and cannot be repaired!
2. Please do not purchase the colourful plastic instruments as they are only toys. They don't work the same, break easily and quickly frustrate kids.
3. If you have access to a used instrument. please take it to one of the music stores below for a tune up. Any instrument in disrepair will frustrate even the most enthusiastic beginner.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email me at mfollett@sd35.bc.ca. Thank you for supporting your child's music education and introduction to band.



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REQUIRED MATERIALS:

Students will need for their first with-instrument rehearsals:

- **North Otter:** Mon, Sept 18
- **Fort Langley:** Tues, Sept 19
- **Peterson Road:** Tues, Sept 19

All of the below items (other than the wire music stand) need to be brought to all rehearsals:

ALL STUDENTS:

- Folding Wire Music Stand (\$15-20) for home practice
- Sound Innovations Book 1 (blue and white cover, the version for your instrument)
- Pencil

FLUTE:

- Cleaning Swab, Polishing Cloth & Cleaning Rod

CLARINET & SAXOPHONE:

- 1 blue box of 10 Rico Royal #2 strength reeds. Grade 7's who played last year should be purchasing #2.5 strength reeds.
- Cork Grease & Cleaning Swab
- Saxophones also need a Neck Strap

TRUMPET, TROMBONE, BARITONE, FRENCH HORN & TUBA:

- Mouthpiece Brush
- Cleaning Snake
- Valve Oil
- Slide Cream
- Trombones also need Slide Oil

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WWW.TAPESTRYMUSIC.COM
BY FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH**