

WELCOME TO ELEMENTARY BAND 2020|21!

INSTRUMENT SELECTION: As we have begun our year with our first meetings, I am now asking kids to select an instrument. Students have heard or seen the options available and we will make decisions next week. Please visit <http://dwpoppymusic.com/elementaryband/> to complete the online instrument selection form. Students will not need instruments until the week of September 29. 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 25, 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).

ENCOURAGED: While masks are not mandatory, all wind and brass musicians (student and professional) are being encouraged to use musicians' masks, a mask with a slit 1-2" across to accommodate a mouthpiece. These can be DIY or ordered through the music retailers. Flutes are the exception and we will make flute shields to use.

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 28
- **Peterson Road:** Tues, Sept 29

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 rehearsal at school so we are not sharing music stands
- Sound Innovations Book 1 (blue and white cover, the version for your instrument – same book as last year for grade 7's)
- Pencil

FLUTE:

- Cleaning Swab, Polishing Cloth & Cleaning Rod

CLARINET & SAXOPHONE:

- 1 BLUE (NOT orange!) 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

- Mouthpiece Brush
- Cleaning Snake
- Slide Cream
- Trumpets and Baritones need Valve Oil
- Trombones need Slide Oil

BASSES

- Amplifier & Extension Cord
- Patch Cord
- Strap
- Digital Tuner

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WWW.TAPESTRYMUSIC.COM
BY FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th