

Greetings,

Welcome back to a new school year. Once again, we are the music teachers for your child at school this year. There are three of us including: Mike Davies, Nita Sorensen and Blair Lyon. We travel as a team teaching at Escalante, Franklin, Hawthorne, North Star and Newman Elementaries for the 2018-2019 school year.

6th Grade Students and Parents:

Music is a required class for all 6th grade students. We will take all 6th grade students and divide them into three classes: Band (Mr. Davies), Choir (Mrs Sorensen), or Orchestra (Mr. Lyon). These classes meet twice per week during school and are an important tool in developing literacy and problem solving skills.

To help us find out which class is the best fit for your child, we would ask that you help your child with the survey on the other side of this document. Please understand that there is a limited amount of band and orchestra instruments that are available for students to borrow, so not every preference can be accommodated. Some parents choose to rent instruments so that their child is assured a spot in a preferred class. However, renting is not required.

5th Grade Students and Parents:

Music class is a required class for all 5th grade students. As with the 6th grade, we take all 5th grade students and divide them into three classes: General Music** (Mr. Davies), Choir (Mrs Sorensen), or Orchestra (Mr. Lyon). These classes will meet twice per week during school and are an important tool in developing literacy and problem solving skills.

The survey on the back of this note is intended to help us find out which class is the best fit for your child. We ask that you discuss the survey with your child. Please understand that there is a limited amount of orchestra (string) instruments that are available for students to borrow, so not every preference can be accommodated. However, some 5th grade parents choose to rent a string instrument for their child to participate in orchestra class. Renting is not required.

Survey results are heavily considered but do not guarantee class placement. Please note that a limited number of instruments are available for students to borrow. Instrument availability is another consideration that is used for placing students. Even though students have the option of borrowing instruments from the school, the best instruments are available from music stores. For the best quality instruments, we recommend instrument rental through Summerhayes Music (801-268-4446), Riverton Music (801-255-8300) or Bert Murdock Music (801-562-5139). Additional info available at www.mrdaviesmusicclass.org.

Thank you

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**5th grade students at Hawthorne will have same options as the 6th grade

