



KISKI AREA INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC



TO: ALL 6TH GRADE BAND STUDENTS
FROM: Mr. Priore & Mrs. Insko, Instrumental Music Instructors
SUBJECT: Continuation of instrumental music lessons /
48th Annual Elementary Band
DATE: Week of August 25, 2014

WIND PLAYERS:

1. Instrument
2. Lesson book: *"Essential Elements"*, Book I

PERCUSSION:

1. Percussion Kit (can be rented)
2. 2B or 5B sticks and mallets, bells and stand (should be included with kit)
3. Lesson books: *"Essential Elements for Percussion"* Book 1
"Fundamentals of Rhythm for the Drummer" Book 1

*** EXPECTATIONS:**

We encourage all instrumental music students to continue playing in 6th grade. There will be many exciting and challenging music opportunities for the students including 6th grade elementary band and jazz band. Instrumental music is a graded class and full participation is expected in scheduled lessons and any band rehearsals that may be scheduled during the school day.

Students do not need a new lesson book yet. We will start where we ended last year, and continue on from there.

Students will be notified of their scheduled lesson times.

Take a trip to the music store to stock up on supplies such as reeds and valve oil.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact us at the Kiski Area Upper Elementary School (724-727-3421) or

Mr. Priore: karl.priore@kiskiarea.com **Mrs. Insko:** shelley.insko@kiskiarea.com

LOCAL MUSIC STORES

Murphy's Music	724-842-8671
A-K Music	724-339-4333
Johnstonbaugh's Music (Holiday Park)	412-519-2114
Plum Boro Music	724-327-2777
Vittone's Music (Greensburg)	724-837-0877
From the Top Music Shop (Monongahela)	724-258-6002
Trygar's Music (Vandergrift)	724-567-5658
Volkwein's Music (Pittsburgh)	1-800-553-8742

*** 6TH GRADE DAY 1 LESSONS WILL BEGIN ON SEPTEMBER 11TH ***

48th KISKI AREA 6th GRADE ELEMENTARY BAND

2014-2015

Welcome to an exciting new school year that promises many new opportunities for our wonderful students. We are welcoming all of our 6th grade band students to participate in the 48th after school band program. This program is *in addition* to the weekly scheduled school lessons and is meant to enhance student experience. The program consists of scheduled *after school* rehearsals, a spring concert, participation in the PMEA Music Performance Assessment, and a beginning and end of the year pizza party. We are eagerly awaiting the formation of this ensemble, and we hope that all sixth grade instrumental music students will be able to take advantage of being a part of this award winning musical ensemble.

TRANSPORTATION

All rehearsals in the months October through April will be held from after school until 5:00 at the Upper Elementary building. It is the parents' responsibility to provide transportation home. In the past, car pooling has been an excellent option. Activities in the month of May will be held at the high school during the indicated times. Transportation will be provided to the high school for the dress rehearsal on May 4th and the PMEA Music Performance Assessment on May 8th, however it is the parents' responsibility to provide transportation home for these 2 dates. Parents must provide transportation to and from the concert on May 5th. Activities in the month of May will be held at the high school during the indicated times.

ATTENDANCE

Students are expected to attend all scheduled rehearsals. Appointments and other conflicts should be avoided during these rehearsal times. If a conflict happens to arise, please send a note or call one of the directors as far in advance as possible. **Unexplained or chronic absences may result in dismissal from the organization.** Responsible participation in the sixth grade band will provide every child with an enriching and rewarding experience.

Please take a few moments to fill out the form on the last page and return it to either Mr. Priore or Mrs. Insko as soon as possible. Remember to retain the schedule for future reference as it lists all rehearsals and performances for the entire year.

If you have any questions about these activities, please feel free to contact Mr. Priore or Mrs. Insko at (724)727-3421 or emails: karl.priore@kiskiarea.com or shelley.insko@kiskiarea.com

2014-2015 Elementary Band Rehearsal Schedule

All rehearsals are on Monday, except for Wednesday, December 3rd, Jan. 21st, and Feb. 18th.

ALL REHEARSALS ARE FROM AFTER SCHOOL UNTIL 5:00 PM

October: (The month of October will be both section rehearsals and auditions on predetermined music).

Oct. 20th: Brass

27th: Woodwinds and French horns

November:

10th: Percussion

17th: Brass

24th: Woodwinds and French horns

December:

3rd (Wednesday): Percussion

8th: Full Band Rehearsal / Pizza party

January:

5, 12, 21 (Wed.), 26: Full band rehearsals

February:

2, 9, 18 (Wed.), and 23: Full band rehearsals

March:

2, 9, 16, 23, and 30: Full band rehearsals

April:

13, 20, 27: Full band rehearsals

May:

4th: Dress Rehearsal for Full Band at the High School.

(Students will be bussed to the high school immediately after school, parents will provide transportation home @ 5:30)

5th: Concert at Kiski Area High School @ 7:30. Student report time: 6:30

8th: PMEA Music Performance Assessment and End of Year Pizza Party.

** More information will follow at a later date for the May rehearsal and performances.*

Please fill out this form and return to the classroom teacher as soon as possible. Thank you!

Student's Name _____ Classroom Teacher _____

Instrument _____

Home Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Is your child presently taking private lessons? Yes or No

Name of private teacher _____ Phone _____

Is your child presently taking piano lessons? Yes or No

Name of private teacher _____ Phone _____

_____ My child **will continue** with in-school instrumental music instruction.

_____ My child **will participate** in after school elementary band. (Participants must continue and be scheduled for in-school lesson times.)

I understand it is my responsibility to provide transportation home from all after school rehearsals, from the Music Performance Assessment, and to and from the May 5th concert.

_____ My child **cannot** participate in after school elementary band because _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

COMMENTS: _____