



Hillside Music Rocks!

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Dear Parents of Future Third and Fourth Graders,

We are very pleased to be able to offer your child **instrumental and choral music instruction** next year. To register for orchestra, band, and/or chorus, please sign up at the following web page. **Registration is open all summer, however please try to sign up by the end of the school year:**

<http://tesd.net/hemusic>

For instrumental lessons, you will need to provide your child with an instrument, book, and supplies by the first week of September. You may choose to use an instrument that you have in your possession (must be in excellent playing condition and of proper size), or you may elect to rent an instrument. Each family is free to make their own choice about rented or purchased instruments and many vendors in the area provide instruments for rent and lease. Please see the vendors listed below that have expressed interest in working with our District. Their listing does not necessarily denote endorsement by the school district. Please be sure your child accompanies you to the music store to ensure that s/he receives the correct size instrument. If you are unable to provide an instrument for your child, please contact your school's Guidance Counselor regarding the District's FLITE program.

Third grade students may receive school instruction on the following instruments:
Strings Lessons/Orchestra: Violin, Viola, Cello

Fourth grade students may receive school instruction on the following instruments:
Strings Lessons/Orchestra: Violin, Viola, Cello
Brass (Band): Trumpet, French horn, Trombone, Baritone
Woodwinds (Band): Flute, Clarinet, Oboe, Alto Saxophone
Percussion (Band): Percussion/Bell Kit

Third and Fourth grade students may participate in the chorus.

BUS NOTE: District policy states musical instruments must be able to fit on the student's lap or under the seat ahead of them without endangering the safety of other students. Students with large instruments should provide their own transportation to school on lesson days.

Thank you for your interest in the music program at Tredyffrin/Easttown School District!

Sincerely,
District Elementary Music Staff

PLEASE TAKE THIS PAGE WITH YOU TO THE MUSIC STORE

Local Music Stores for Instrument Rentals and Music Supplies:

Music and Arts Center

380 West Lancaster Ave., Wayne, PA
610-687-1721

Music and Arts Center

Whiteland Towne Center, 181 West Lincoln Highway, Exton, PA
484-875-0101

Taylor Music

116 W. Gay Street, West Chester, PA
610-696-1812

The following supplies are **required**:

Strings/Orchestra

- 3rd & 4th Grade Lesson book:
Essential Elements for Strings, Book 1 Allen, Gillespie, Hayes & Higgins
- All instruments should have fingerboard tape. (should be done by the music store)
- All instruments should be of appropriate size. (the music store will size your child)
- All violin & viola students need a shoulder rest or sponge. (purchased at music store)

Band Instruments

- Flute: cleaning rod and swab/handkerchief
- Clarinet: packet of **size 2 reeds** (6)*, cleaning swab, cork grease
- Saxophone: packet of **size 2 reeds** (6)* cleaning swab, cork grease, neck strap
- Oboe: 2 double reeds (**soft**)*, cleaning swab, cork grease
- Trumpet, Baritone, and French Horn: valve oil
- Trombone: slide cream
- Percussion: purchase or rent a **Bell Kit** (bells, mallets, snare pad, 2B sticks)
- Lesson book: *Standard of Excellence, Book 1* by Bruce Pearson, Neil A. Kjos Music Co.
- *Reeds are delicate pieces of wood that will break easily and often, and do not last forever. You will need to purchase more as they are used throughout the school year.

Please register for instrument lessons or choral participation at
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Questions?

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