

# DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

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## IMPORTANT MUSIC INFORMATION FOR BAND STUDENTS 2011-2012

### CLASS MEETING TIMES

<u>DIXIE</u>	Fifth Grade	Monday and Thursday	11:20-12:05
	Fourth Grade	Monday and Thursday	12:50-1:30
<u>MES</u>	Fourth Grade	Monday and Thursday	1:55-2:35
	Fifth Grade	Tuesday and Friday	1:50-2:35
<u>VALLECITO</u>	Fourth Grade	Tuesday and Friday	11:10-12:50
	Fifth Grade	Tuesday and Friday	12:35-1:20

### REQUIRED EQUIPMENT

#### FLUTE

Instrument/ Instrument case

Cleaning rod

Hankerchief

Essential Elements Book 1(Including DVD/CD)

Music stand is optional. If you purchase one, leave it at home.

#### CLARINET

Instrument/ Instrument case

Reeds ( Rico size 1 1/2 to 2 )

Clarinet care kit (cork grease, cleaning swab, cloth, mouthpiece brush)

Essential Elements Book 1(Including DVD/CD)

Music stand is optional. If you purchase one, leave it at home.

#### TROMBONE

Instrument/ Instrument case

Trombone care kit (slide oil premix solution, cleaning rod and cloth )

Essential Elements Book 1(Including DVD/CD)

#### TRUMPET

Instrument/ Instrument case

Trumpet care kit (valve oil, cleaning cloth, snake brush)

Essential Elements Book 1(Including DVD/CD)

#### LOCAL MUSIC STORES

- Magic Flute (415) 479-3112
- Marin Music Center in Novato (415) 897-4131
- Bananas At Large (415) 457-7600
- Best Music Company in Oakland 800-821-3557 (Best Co. will ship products)

## **WHAT TO BRING TO EVERY MUSIC CLASS (ALL STUDENTS)**

Essential Elements Book 1

Instrument

### **INSTRUMENT CARE**

- Never leave your instrument where it can be affected by extreme temperatures (like in the car).
- **ALWAYS** clean your instrument with you soft cloth. Do not polish your instrument!
- Never put papers, books or other extra items in the case.

### **CONCERTS**

- For concerts during the school day, students perform only at the elementary school that they attend.
- **ALL BAND STUDENTS** in grade 5 perform at the Dixie School District Band Festival at Miller Creek Middle School. For that concert, your child will need a white shirt and black pants or long skirt. No T-shirts on shirts with logos. All students should wear black shoes. Do not wear flip-flops to your concert. Most importantly, the student should look neat.
- Concert dates will be posted on your school's website, and you will also receive information in your child's Friday Folder.

### **PRACTICE**

Learning to play an instrument requires regular practice. Please make sure that your child has a place to practice at home. Students should practice for 10-15 minutes five days a week.

### **GRADING**

- Students in band will receive a grade.
- Starting in October, students will be responsible for "checking off" music (**TECHNIQUE AND REPETOIRE**) in the Essential Elements Book 1 method. Each student will have a list of the music that is supposed to be played for the teacher. Students may try as many times as they would like to pass the line(s). Students will check-off music for Mr. Hughes or Miss Mallard.
- Students who are struggling may receive a progress report.
- Failure to practice, repeatedly forgetting materials, and classroom disruptions will have a negative affect on a student's grade.

### **DISCIPLINE**

Any student who disrupts class or repeatedly forgets his/her instrument will be issued a yellow discipline slip. This slip will go to the classroom teacher, who will implement the classroom consequences for breaking rules. A phone call home may also be necessary.

### **VOLUNTEERING AND CHAPERONING**

On the day of the District Orchestra Festival, all fifth grade band students will be bussed to Miller Creek Middle School for a rehearsal. We will need chaperones to attend. Look for information in your child's Friday Folder when the date nears.

### **COMMUNICATION**

For questions, please contact me via email at: [phughes@marin.k12.ca.us](mailto:phughes@marin.k12.ca.us).