



LAKE HARRIET COMMUNITY SCHOOL [UC]

BAND & ORCHESTRA

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4th & 5th Grade Band & Orchestra

Mr. Needleman, teacher

Band and Orchestra are offered to students in elementary school via a 'pull-out' model. If you are interested in playing in band or strings, please fill out the online registration at

lakeharriet.mpls.k12.mn.us/band

5th Grade please sign up online by MONDAY SEPT 11

4th Grade please sign up online by MONDAY SEPT 18

Course Description

Band and Orchestra are fun, sophisticated, and wonderful art forms; a place where personal discipline and musical skills are developed; where lasting friendships are made; and where the rewards of both personal and ensemble work are realized in a way obtainable in few other endeavors. The Band and Orchestra program require an added artistic, academic, and practice commitment from each student and family, making it a very special class limited to only those "up for the challenge."

Structure

All students will receive a weekly 30-minute small group lesson for the entire year. Students will also participate in a weekly 45 minute ensemble class – this starts second quarter for 4th grade. I make every effort to mitigate classroom disruption, however students will be pulled from class for this opportunity. While I understand the concerns about having students "pulled-out" from class, it may ease many of you to know that there is definitive research supporting a lack of negative affect on student academics.

5th Grade instrument lessons will begin MONDAY SEPT 18

4th Grade instrument lessons will begin MONDAY SEPT 25

There is a limited supply of instruments available at Lake Harriet School available for a modest rental fee of \$50.00/year. Percussion students are required to purchase or rent a bell set and snare drum from an area music store as well as contribute \$20 toward classroom instruments & maintenance. All students are strongly encouraged to in 5th or 6th grade to start a rent to own plan with a local music store.

If you plan to rent from Lake Harriet, please complete the rental form (on back) and return to Mr. Needleman. Payment plans can be arranged as needed.

How do I join?

- Fill out Registration form on Website – **lakeharriet.mpls.k12.mn.us/band**
- Subscribe to the MusicNotes communications blog - <http://music.lakeharrietschool.com>

In an effort to present a well-balanced musical ensemble, and ensure student instrument choices are appropriate, I expect students to continue with the instruments they started last year and will be counseling new band students (and those students wishing to switch instruments) on their options.

I am looking forward to a great year of making music with the Bands and String Orchestras!

Sincerely,


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INSTRUMENT RENTAL AGREEMENT

Grade _____ Advisory / Classroom (teacher name & room #) _____

Student Name (print) _____

INSTRUMENT: _____

We agree to be responsible for the school instrument listed above. It is our responsibility to maintain the current condition of the instrument and case listed above. We understand that repair due to natural "wear and tear" of the instrument will be handled by LHCS and MPS. We also understand that any damage or loss caused by misuse, abuse, or negligence on the part of the student will be the responsibility of the student and parent / guardian.

There is a modest \$50.00, non-refundable rental fee for the academic school-year for each instrument rented (additional \$25 for summer). This includes a music supplies/maintenance fee. Percussion students are asked to contribute \$20 annual for classroom percussion instruments. All fees are non-refundable. Make checks payable to Lake Harriet School Band.

Please put the fee and contract form in an envelope marked with student's name. Each child needs his/her own contract. Instruments may not leave school until contract and a deposit are received. If paying the entire fee at once may be too imposing, contact your student's instrumental teacher and a payment plan may be set up on an individual basis.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Percussion students should obtain an "educational" snare and bell set from an area music store. These will include Bell set and a Snare Drum and/or Practice Pad.

Groth Music 8056 Nicollet Ave S, Bloomington Ph. (952) 884-4772	Cadenza Music 149 Snelling Ave N, St Paul Ph. (651) 644-3611
Schmitt Music 3200 Galeria, Edina Ph. (952) 920-5080	Eckroth Music 3065 Centre Pointe Dr #1, Roseville Ph. (651) 704-9654
Schmitt Music 2400 Freeway Boulevard, Brooklyn Center Ph. (763) 566-4560	Klash Drums 211 NE Lowry Ave, Minneapolis Ph. (612) 208-5716
Twin Town Guitars 3400 Lyndale Ave S, Minneapolis Ph. (612) 822-3334	Drum Loft 601 Taft St NE, Minneapolis Ph. (763) 229-7155
Woodwind & Brasswind Online store: www.wwbw.com Search "Educational Bell Kit"	Steve Weiss Percussion Online Store: www.steveweissmusic.com Drop Menu: "Concert" > "Educational Kits"