



Abington School District
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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Over the next four weeks, all grade four students will receive an introduction to band instruments as part of their elementary general music classes. Here, students will be provided with opportunities to virtually explore band instruments (flute, clarinet, trumpet, baritone, trombone, and percussion). Between October 5, and October 19, 2020, students will have the opportunity to meet with Abington elementary band teachers in a virtual assembly and ask questions regarding participation in the band program. These virtual assemblies will help students determine a level of interest for participation and identify preferences for instrument selection. Together, these introductions and assemblies will serve as this year's pre-band experience.

At the conclusion of the student assemblies, there will be a virtual meeting for all interested students and families on Monday, October 19, 2020. During this meeting, families will receive an overview of programming, ask questions, and elect to participate in elementary band programming. There is no need to obtain an instrument at this time. That information will be discussed at the virtual family meeting.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact one of the elementary band teachers. Their contact information can be found below. We are committed to providing all students meaningful, inclusive, and successful pathways to experiencing the Arts in ASD.

Sincerely,

The Elementary Instrumental Band Team

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