



Gables and Summerfield School Bands
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We Put the Tune in Neptune!

Greetings 3rd, 4th and 5th Grade Parents / Guardians:

It is time to strike up the band for the 24-25 School Year. I am so excited to get the students into the band room and make music. If this is your child's first time in the recorder or band program, we can not wait to get them started on their musical journey! If your child is a returning musician, we will continue to build on what we learned last year to continue to become better musicians! I am working with the classroom teachers and principals to put a band schedule together. I am at the Gables School on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays (First two periods only). I am at Summerfield on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays (After 10:15). Once the schedules are set, I will let the students know which days to bring their instruments.

INFORMATION

Sign up for the 24-25 School Year

- Please click on this link to sign your child up for band this year. (If you filled out the Google Form in June or August you do not have to again).

[Signup for Gables and Summerfield Band](#)

Third Grade

Third graders start the year learning to play the recorder. The recorder is an easy instrument to start on. This will help you and your child figure out if they like playing an instrument. At the end of January the 3rd grade students then switch over to the band instrument of their choice. The students will need to have a soprano recorder and the Essential Elements Recorder Classroom Method Book.

Please use the link below to order the recorder and book in a package from our preferred vendor.

[NEMC Recorder Package](#)

4th and 5th Grade

Instruments

All students in band are required to have an instrument and the Essential Elements Book 1 method book for their chosen instrument.



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The list below are the **ONLY** instruments offered in the Neptune Elementary School Band Program for 4th and 5th Graders.

Flute, Clarinet, Oboe*, Alto Saxophone, Tenor Saxophone*, Trumpet, French Horn, Trombone, Baritone, Bells and Percussion

***=please check with Mr. Palmer before getting these instruments.**

Percussion students need to have either a snare kit (snare drum, sticks, stand, and book) or a Practice Pad, Sticks and book.

Obtaining an instrument (3 ways)

- Renting an instrument: Please click below this for information from NEMC, our preferred rental company. The Essential Elements Book is included with the rental.

[NEMC RENTAL COMPANY](#) Follow the steps for the rental. Please enter Neptunes zip code when asked, this secures the Neptune Price.

- Purchasing an instrument: You can purchase an instrument, but be aware of inexpensive instruments found on the internet shopping sites. Many of these are poor quality and often break within the first few weeks of use. If you purchase an instrument, you will need to purchase the Essential Elements method book separately from the instrument.
- Loaner Program: Both schools do have a loaner instrument program for families that can not afford to purchase or rent an instrument. We have a limited supply of instruments. After completing the sign up form, please email me and let me know you are interested in the loaner program. The building principal makes the decision on who gets a loaner instrument. I will then email you a link to the loaner contract to complete. After that, I will assign your child an instrument to use. If your child already had a loaner instrument last year, I will be sending out a link to you to complete the loaner agreement.

If you have any questions about the recorder and band program, please reach out to me at rrpalmer@neptune.k12.nj.us, I am here to help with any aspect of your child's band experience.

Musically Yours!

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