



Kildeer Elementary Band  
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Dear Kildeer 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents:

Next year as a 5<sup>th</sup> grader, your son or daughter will have the opportunity to play in the school's Beginning Band. Band is a unique environment where students will develop concentration, coordination, discipline, teamwork, organization, and social skills. Not only that, band is a lot of fun! Making music could very well be a meaningful and enjoyable experience for your child's school years and beyond.

The following is an overview of what 4<sup>th</sup> graders and their families will experience before the end of this school year:

- All students learn about the instruments of the band, and how our band works (**Monday, May 7**)
- All students choose 2-3 different instruments they are interested in trying out
- All students try out those instruments during school on **Friday, May 11**, with the goal being to find the best "fit". Students go home that day with a good idea of which instrument they would like to play, should they decide to join the band.
- There is a district-wide **parent meeting on Monday, May 21** at 7:00 p.m. in the Twin Groves cafeteria for all parents interested in knowing more about the program. This meeting will provide details on all aspects of the band, as well as tips for renting or purchasing an instrument. The meeting will last about 30 minutes.
- Pertinent **band information can also be found on the [Beginning Band Website](http://www.kcsd96.org/BeginningBandWebsite)** (click or type [tinyurl.com/d96band](http://tinyurl.com/d96band))
- **Band registration night** for the entire school district will be Wednesday, May 23 at Woodlawn Middle School. Stop by any time between 4:30 and 7:30. Parents will sign up their child for band that night. You will also have the opportunity to speak with Music and Arts about instrument rental options, and rent an instrument if needed (bring your credit card and one form of ID). It may be helpful to browse their website ahead of time: [www.musicarts.com/rentals](http://www.musicarts.com/rentals)
- Band lessons with Mr. Crow will begin the week of August 20.

I am really looking forward to another great band at Kildeer next year! If you have any questions along the way, please feel free to call or email.

Sincerely,  
Chad Crow