

**ROCKLIN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ELEMENTARY INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC  
5<sup>th</sup> GRADE**

The Rocklin Unified School District is pleased to offer instrumental music to 5<sup>th</sup> grade students in our district. The instruments we teach to 5<sup>th</sup> grade students are Violin, Flute, Clarinet, Trumpet, and Trombone. All instruments must be in good playing condition. Violin students should also have a shoulder rest and their violin must have fine tuners that turn easily.

Other instruments, such as Saxophone, Drums, Tuba, F Horn, Bass Clarinet, etc. are **not** considered to be beginning band instruments in the Rocklin Unified School District elementary music program.

Beginning band is offered in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade and again at the Middle School level, but **not in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade**. 6<sup>th</sup> grade band is an intermediate group and only open to those students who completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade band. If you choose not to participate as a beginner in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade your next opportunity to do so will be in 7<sup>th</sup> grade.

Please be aware of the music department's student expectations that are listed on the attached permission slip. The deadline to return the permission slip at PARKER WHITNEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL is Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup>. In order for your child to participate in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade band program the permission slip **must** be turned in by this date. . We do have a very limited amount of instruments available for those students who, due to financial reasons are unable to rent one. If you are unable to rent an instrument due to finances please write a brief note to that effect on the bottom or back of the permission slip.

5<sup>th</sup> graders are expected to practice 20 minutes or more each day at home. Students practicing less than this usually have a limited chance of success.

Band for 5<sup>th</sup> grade at **PARKER WHITNEY** will start on **Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup> with instruments**.

**Violin Students** should bring their violins **Wednesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>**. We will tune and put tape on for finger placement on the violin.

Our rehearsal days are **Wednesdays** and **Fridays**.

Please bring instruments on the **first** day of class. 5<sup>th</sup> grade students do not need to purchase a method book. Your child will be provided one copy of our beginning band method book that they will use all year. **5<sup>th</sup> grade students will need a three-ring binder (1/2" or 1") that will lay open on a music stand to contain their sheet music and other necessary papers.**

For your convenience some instrument providers are listed below:

Gottschalk Musical Instruments 530-622-5143

McLaughlin Studios 652-6377

The Music Store 624-0951

Music & Arts Rapid Rentals <http://www.musicarts.com/Musical-Instrument-Rentals>

NEMC 1-800-526-4593

Northridge Music Center 969-4728

Rock-Land Music 632-1214

Shar Music [www.sharmusic.com](http://www.sharmusic.com) (violin only)

Skip's Music 484-7575

Southwest Strings [www.swstrings.com](http://www.swstrings.com) (violin only)

Taylor Music 1-800-USA-BAND

The Music Yard 899-6022 [www.MusicYard.com](http://www.MusicYard.com)

Tim's Band Instrument Service 925-9160

Woodwind & Brasswind 1-800-348-5003