

San Mateo- Foster City School District

Fifth Grade Instrumental Music Program

Dear Fifth Grade Parent/Guardian,

Congratulations! Your child is beginning his/her music lessons in the **San Mateo – Foster City School District**. It is important that he/she comes to class prepared and practices regularly for optimal progress. **Students are expected to practice 20 minutes a night, five days a week minimum.** Please make sure and have a regular practice space where your child can practice uninterrupted. **Consistent participation is necessary for your child's success. Make sure your child brings their instrument and music book to school on the scheduled day. The instrument, music book, and instruction is provided by the district thanks in large part to the generous donation of the "for kids!" Educational Foundation!** Please check the list below and make sure that your child has everything necessary on the list for his/her instrument. Also, **please make sure that the instrument case is clearly marked with your child's name and phone number, a luggage tag would be ideal.** This will greatly facilitate the return of the instrument in the unfortunate event it gets lost.

Here are a couple of suggestions to help protect the instruments:

- Do not leave the instrument in the sun or in a hot car. Always store in a cool, dry place.
- Only your child should use the instrument.
- Do not leave instruments outside unattended at anytime. Play the instrument indoors only.
- Make sure hands and mouth (for wind instruments) are clean before playing.
- Students will be given instructions on the proper care and maintenance of their instruments by the Artist in Residence, and students will be expected to keep their instrument in proper working order.
- No repair of any kind should be done at home i.e. pulling stuck mouthpieces.

Students need to come prepared to class by having the following:

For Violin: Their instrument, Strictly Strings, Book One for Violin, pencil and paper, name tag, shoulder rest (or soft foam sponge and rubber band), bow rosin, soft rag for cleaning. (Instrument, book, and bow rosin will be provided by the district.)

For Trumpet: Their instrument, mouthpiece 7C, Standard of Excellence, Book One for Trumpet, pencil and paper, name tag, valve oil, and soft rag for cleaning. (Instrument, mouthpiece, and book will be provided by the district. Students will initially be given valve oil.)

For Flute: Their instrument, Standard of Excellence, Book One for Flute, pencil and paper, name tag, cleaning rod, and soft rag for cleaning. (Instrument, book, and rod will be provided by the district.)

For Clarinet: Their instrument, Standard of Excellence, Book One for Clarinet, pencil and paper, name tag, cork grease, cleaning swab and #2 Clarinet reed. (Instrument, book, cork grease, and first reed will be provided by the district.)

Local Music Stores:

Hornucopia 1549 Laurel St., San Carlos (593-3050)

Bronstein Music 363 Grand Ave., So. San Francisco (588-2502)

Professional Violin Shop 538 El Camino Real San Carlos (610-8919)

B Street Music 245 S. Railroad Ave., San Mateo (342-6565)

Heriz Music 210 California Ave., Burlingame (344-9414)

PLEASE KEEP HANDY FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR!

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The Fifth Grade Instrument Agreement

Student Last Name (Please Print)

Student First Name (Please Print)

Parent/Guardian Phone Number

Parent/Guardian Email Address

School Name Room Number

Teacher Name

******* The Fifth Grade Instrument Agreement must be returned signed by student and Parent/Guardian before instrument and book will be assigned.***** PLEASE RETURN BY FEBRUARY 1, 2010.**

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY

1. Students are expected to practice 20 minutes a day in order to play in music class.
2. Take good care of the instrument at all times. Parents/Guardians and student are responsible for the instrument and instruction book. The cost of lost, stolen, damaged, or ruined beyond repair instruments will be billed to the student's Parents/Guardian. The value of each instrument is valued at \$450 - \$550. The instruction books costs \$8.00.

I understand the above obligations and accept my responsibility:

Student Signature

PARENT/GUARDIAN RESPONSIBILITY

1. The child is expected to practice 20 minutes per day and see that good care is given the instrument at all times.
2. Any problems with the instrument at the time of issue should be brought to the attention of the Music Teacher and the school during the first week. If the repairs are needed at that time, it will be the responsibility of the district. New damage to the instrument is the responsibility of the Parent or Guardian. Parents/Guardians are required to report to the police stolen instruments. Parents/Guardians and students are responsible for their instrument and instruction book. The cost of lost, stolen, damaged, or ruined beyond repair instruments will be billed to the student's Parents/Guardian. The value of each instrument is valued at \$450 - \$550. The instruction books costs \$8.00.
3. It is the responsibility of the Parent or Guardian to supply any consumable items including reeds, valve oil, rosin, etc.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

To be filled out by Music Teacher:

Flute/Clarinet /Trumpet/Violin/Other _____ Make _____

Barcode _____ Case# _____ Book code _____

Instrument Condition

Book Condition

Date Given

Date Returned