



August, 2018

Dear Fifth Grade Parents and Students,

Chinook Trail will be offering a beginning band class for our fifth grade students again this year. The class will meet twice a week before school on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 7:45 until 8:30 a.m. Band students will need to rent or purchase an instrument as well as the Sound Innovations Book 1 Band Book, and any reeds, oils, or cleaning supplies necessary for their instruments. The tuition fee for the band class will be \$20, which will cover extra music, class stands, and other necessary equipment and supplies. *Please enclose the fee in an envelope with the Band Enrollment Form and Assumption of Risk Form. (The instrument choice will be filled in at a later time.) The forms may be turned in to the homeroom teacher or myself. Checks should be made out to Chinook Trail Elementary.*

Students may choose from six instruments: the flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, baritone, or saxophone. *Representatives from a local music store will host a “try-the-instruments” night at Chinook on Tuesday, August 28, between 4:00 and 7 p.m. in the music/art room area. At that time the music store reps will assist students in trying out the various instruments and will also have the method books and instruments available for rental or purchase.* Students do not have to acquire their instruments from the music store in order to try the instruments. However, parents do need to accompany their children in order to try the instruments. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the music door this week for those students who would like to try out the instruments. Students may sign up for 30-minute blocks of time, beginning at 4 p.m. with the last slot beginning at 6:30 p.m. (Parents, don't forget to bring your check books if you think you might be acquiring an instrument or method book from the music store.)

If you decide to purchase an instrument over the internet, please contact me first. Many of the instruments made overseas or of poor quality and do not play in tune. Please stick to name brands such as Conn, Selmer, Bach, Yamaha, Jupiter, Artley, Gemeinhardt, etc. Often pawn shops sell “name brand” instruments at very reasonable prices, but the instruments must be examined carefully. Renting an instrument may be a better option for you during the first year.

Students who decide to participate in the band program need to understand that they are making a commitment for the entire year, from September through April. (Parents, as you already know, students learn self-discipline and perseverance as they complete something that they start. “Dropping out” of a commitment like band has a negative effect on the individual student as well as on the band group as a whole.) *When students decide to enroll in band they are also making the commitment to be on time and regular in attendance at the “twice-a-week” rehearsals. Instrument practice at home is necessary. Practicing for a minimum of fifteen minutes at least three times each week at home will help the student improve by leaps and bounds.* Each semester we have contests in band class for those students who turn in practice time. Students with the most practice time receive awards at the December and April concerts. *Students may enroll in band by completing the Band Enrollment and “Assumption of Risk” forms and by returning them to me or to the classroom teacher along with the tuition fee as soon as possible. Band classes will begin on Wednesday, September 5.*

Parents, please feel free to stop by the Chinook music room or email me at the email address listed below if you have any questions or concerns. I look forward to working with our Chinook students in band!

Brenda Clark, Chinook Music Teacher brenda.clark@asd20.org

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Chinook Beginning Band Program

Student's Name _____

Parent's Name _____

Address _____

City and Zip Code _____

Home Phone # _____ Cell Phone # _____

Work Phone # _____

Email _____

Classroom teacher _____

Instrument choice (If Known--Can be filled in later) _____

My child has permission to be in the Chinook Beginning Band Program. I understand that it is my responsibility to rent or purchase an instrument, the Sound Innovations--Book 1, and any necessary reeds, oils or cleaning supplies. I will make sure that my child's instrument is kept in good repair so that he/she can enjoy playing it in band class. I also understand that my child is making a commitment to be regular in attendance for Band Class on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 7:45 until 8:30 a.m. in the Music Room. I also understand that my child's skill level will improve as he practices regularly at home.

(Books may be purchased at Graner or Meeker Music Stories here in town.)

Parent Signature _____

Date _____



ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT TO HOLD HARMLESS AND
EMERGENCY RELEASE FORM REGARDING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL-SPONSORED BEFORE AND AFTER
SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

As the parent/legal guardian of the student named here _____
(child's name), I authorize my child to participate in a before or after school-sponsored activity at
_____.

I understand that school nurses are not on duty after school hours and that in the event of a medical emergency, school staff will call 911 and parent/guardian. I understand that the health room is not open after school hours. Therefore, I agree that if an inhaler or epi-pen has been prescribed for my child, I will provide those and I further acknowledge that my child has been authorized to self-carry by a health care provider. No medication will be administered by school staff during the before or after-school activity time. If medication is absolutely necessary for the child during the before or after school activity, the parent/legal guardian agrees to assume responsibility for administering the medication outside of normal school hours.

Additionally, by signing below, the parent/legal guardian grants permission to an emergency health care provider to secure proper treatment for the student and the parent/legal guardian agrees to assume all costs for such treatment.

Students participating in the before or after school activity must obey all safety rules and must follow the school's code of conduct and behavior expectations.

This form applies to the following activity: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian: Parents/Guardians who do not wish to accept the risks described in this notice should not sign the permission form and should not enroll their child in the before or after school activity.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Home Phone: _____ Day Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Student's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Emergency contact information in the event above parent/guardian cannot be reached:

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

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Please return this form and maintain a copy for your records