



**ARE YOU
INTERESTED?**



Other than renting an instrument and purchasing a lesson book and music stand, there are no other charges for participation in the band program.

LOOK FOR MORE INFORMATION TO
BE SENT HOME SHORTLY!!!!

Questions?

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Stow Band Web Site
<http://stowband.org>



**THE LAKEVIEW
INTERMEDIATE
SCHOOL**



**BEGINNING BAND
PROGRAM**

Did you know?

* As a 5th grade student, your child has the opportunity to learn a band instrument as part of their school day?

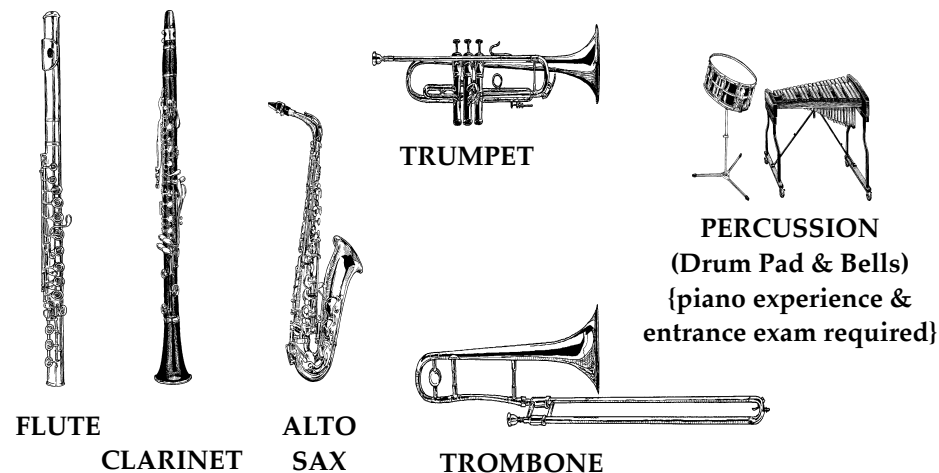
* **Researchers have found that band participation:**

- ◆ Enhances High Brain Function
- ◆ Improves Reading & Math Performance
- ◆ Raises IQ Scores & Proficiency Scores
- ◆ Provides Important Experiences that can help physical coordination, timing, memory, visual, aural & language skills.
- ◆ Enhances Cooperation Builds
- ◆ Teamwork Skills

As a parent of a fifth grade student, you have the opportunity to have your child become a part of the award winning Stow-Munroe Falls Band Program. As part of the program your child will receive a half-hour lesson one day per week, during the school day. The half-hour lesson is a group lesson, with 'like' instruments. (all flutes come at one time, trumpets at another, ect.) Within this class, students will learn how to play the instrument, read music, how to care for their instrument and how to practice.

Once your child has successfully started, her/she will be asked to attend a full band practice in addition to their half hour lesson. Full band is a combined group were all instruments play together. This will begin about the fifth week of instruction. In full band your child will learn music which will be performed at three concerts during the school year (December, March & May).

During the week of September 5th, our band staff will present a short program demonstrating the instruments of the band to all fifth grade classes. Every student will have the opportunity to try each of the band instruments listed below. This will give your child the chance to determine which instrument is best suited for him/her. The instruments that student may play in 5th grade are listed below. (pictures are not to size or proportion)



Because we begin instruction on each of these instruments there are no prerequisites excepts for those who wish to play percussion.

PERCUSSION, BUT I WANT TO PLAY THE DRUMS???

The percussion family covers many instruments, bells, xylophones, cymbals, timpani and of course drums. As a fifth grade student, the new percussionist will learn to play **both Keyboard Percussion** (the bells) and the **Drum** (or drum pad)

Because percussion students learn both drums and bells during the same lesson, prospective percussion students need to have at least one year of lessons on piano. The potential percussion student will also be asked to take an **Entrance Exam** which evaluates musical knowledge and physical coordination. The **Percussion Entrance Exam will take place on Wednesday, September 7 or Friday, September 9 at 7:30 AM in the Cafeteria.** This is only necessary if the child wishes to play percussion.

I know my child wants to play in band, can I get an instrument & have him start before the school classes start?

We have found that students develop bad habits that are difficult to correct when not taught to play an instrument correctly. We highly recommend waiting until the child has been through the Demonstration Program before they select an instrument to play. For a beginning band student nothing is more frustrating than trying to learn an instrument for which they are not physically suited.

I saw an instrument at a warehouse store that is very affordable, can I just buy this instrument for my child to use.

Following the Instrument Demonstration your child will be given information concerning renting an instrument and the lesson book needed for the class. **We do not recommend instruments sold by non-music stores.** Most of these instruments are imported from China and are not of an acceptable quality for your child. In addition many can not be serviced or repaired when damaged.