

**CALVERT COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
PRINCE FREDERICK, MD 20678**

ELEMENTARY INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM

Dear Parent:

Elementary instrumental is available to 4th and 5th grade students in Calvert County. If you wish your child to be enrolled, please read the information below and complete and return the registration form your school as soon as possible.

1. Class instruction is free of charge.
2. Classes meet twice weekly for 30-45 minute periods during the regular school day. Students are released from classroom activities on a rotating basis to participate in the instrumental music classes. Students are expected to make up work missed in the regular classroom.

3. Instruments to be taught at the 4th and 5th grade level are:

<u>Strings</u>	<u>Brass</u>	<u>Woodwinds</u>
Violin	Trumpet (Cornet)	Flute
Viola	Trombone	Clarinet
Cello	Baritone	Alto Saxophone (5 th grade only)

4. The **school cannot provide instruments or books** for student use. **Parents must furnish the instrument and the book.** It is recommended that the instrument be rented from a Music Store for three months, which will permit assessment of student interest and ability prior to deciding on purchase. Most music stores provide this service and more information will be made available if your child signs up to participate in instrumental music. **Students must have an instrument by the end of September to participate in instrumental music each year.**

5. **Method books** will be:

Band Students: ACCENT ON ACHIEVEMENT Book 1

Strings Students: ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS FOR STRINGS EEi Book 1

Method books can be purchased at school for **\$10.00** or at the music store of your choice.

6. **Regular home practice is necessary** in this program. A folding music stand is useful for home practice. Parents will be notified of the student's progress four times a year.

7. Students may continue in the instrumental music program in Middle and High School.

8. If you already have an instrument you plan to use, please have it inspected and repaired by a competent repairperson or local music store as soon as possible. Don't wait!!

9. Please email Mrs. Gross if you have any questions – grossj@calvertnet.k12.md.us
Mrs. Gross teaches at Mt. Harmony & Sunderland Elementary Schools.

REGISTRATION FORM FOR ELEMENTARY INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Name of Child	School	Grade	Classroom Teacher
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Parents' Names	Address (City and Zip Code)
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Instrument Desired	Parent's Signature	Phone
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Date _____	Email _____
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