

General Information 2021- 2022

Elementary Band and Strings

Mt Harmony ES & Sunderland ES



- Elementary instrumental music classes for Band and Strings are available to all 4th and 5th grade students in Calvert County Public Schools. Please fill out the [2021-2022 Sign-Up Form](#) if your child is interested in participation this year.
- Classes will meet during the regular school day and this year's schedule will be determined and created following Calvert County Public Schools COVID safety guidelines.
- Instruments taught in 4th and 5th Grade are:
 - **Strings Instruments: Violin, Viola, Cello**
 - **Method Book for Band – Essential Elements for Strings EEi Book 1**
 - **Woodwind Instruments: Flute, Clarinet, Oboe, Alto Sax (5th only)**
 - **Brass Instruments: Trumpet (Cornet), Trombone, Baritone**
 - **Method Book for Band – Accent on Achievement for Band Book 1**
- It is recommended that parents rent an instrument from a reputable music dealer for a few months before purchasing an instrument. If you already own an instrument, please make sure the instrument is in good playing condition. Some instruments are available through the school to borrow, please contact Mrs. Gross to find out which instruments are available. Music Vendor Information (*for rental/purchase and repairs*) is available on this website: www.mhes-ses-bandstrings.com
- Students should hopefully have an instrument by **October 1** to participate in Instrumental Music. Classes will start on the week of **Sept 20**. If instruction becomes virtual again, instrumental music will be taught on TEAMS.
- Regular home practice is necessary to learn how to play a music instrument. A folding music stand and other supplies are also needed, depending on which instrument your child chooses. Parents will be notified of the student's progress four times a year.
- Schoology will be used this year to post assignments and music for Band & Strings classes.
- Students may continue in the instrumental music program in Middle and High School.
- Students may participate in both an instrumental group and chorus in at the elementary level.
- **Contact Information for Mrs. Gross:** Email: grossj@calvertnet.k12.md.us