

CARL SANDBURG MIDDLE SCHOOL
MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Dear Parents,

Congratulations to you and your child on their completion of 5th grade. I hope his/her elementary years were memorable. Next year at Sandburg, he/she will have a variety of opportunities to participate in programs and make new lasting memories and friendships. One of these opportunities is joining the Carl Sandburg Band/ Orchestra program.

The Carl Sandburg Music Department boasts a Symphonic Band, Orchestra, Wind Ensemble, Jazz Band, Percussion Ensemble and Parade Band. All students receive a lesson once a week during school.

All students participate in the Winter and Spring concerts. Students who wish to increase their involvement may also participate in the Arts Festival, Music in the Parks, and the Laurence Harbor Memorial Day Parade.

Many students in the band/orchestra program also participate in enriched or honors classes, Student Council, Peer Leadership, Academic Team, Newspaper and a variety of our school sports teams and other clubs.

All students are welcome to join. Students new to instrument playing are also invited to participate. Students will learn the fundamentals of rhythmic, motor and auditory skills, practice sight reading and musical notation, while discovering an appreciation and love for music. The program has at its heart, the intention of preparing students for ensemble playing.

In order for your child to participate in the program, it will be necessary for you to furnish an instrument. It is highly recommend that students who participated in 5th grade keep their instrument through out the summer. Our district works with local music stores who offer very reasonable rental or lease plans for the instruments. Students who are selected to play the larger instruments will have the option of using a school instrument.

Instrumental instruction will continue to be available to your child through the 12th grade. Learning to play an instrument and belonging to the school band opens up a whole new world of friendship and fun. Your child will be able to take advantage of musical performances with ensembles at the middle school and high school levels. The opportunities for playing an instrument after high school are abundant, with many universities offering scholarships. Instrumental music provides a great foundation for your child in all aspects of life. In addition to music, students learn self-discipline, group cooperation, poise, enhances physical coordination, high self esteem, and the importance of teamwork- skills in great demand at almost every aspect of life. Like all the arts, music has a profound effect on the academic success of students as well.

If your child is interested in participating, please fill out the online form.

<https://forms.office.com/r/xS45Ej13Yg> Students who played in 5th grade

<https://forms.office.com/r/1pqA5Pn2Lc> Students who didn't play in 5th grade

If you have any questions don't hesitate to contact me at Laura.Nee@obps.org
I look forward to meeting your child in September. Have an enjoyable summer.

Ms Nee

