If you are in 5<sup>th</sup> grade and are interested in learning to play a musical instrument, this group is for you!

Information is sent home the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of school for 5<sup>th</sup> graders, giving information about the beginning band program here at Stevens Intermediate. Instrument Demo Day takes place after Labor Day, with a local music dealer visiting the school and giving the students an opportunity to try a band instrument!

Band registration happens the  $2^{nd}$  week of September, giving the parents an opportunity to talk with a music store representative regarding instrumental rental and any other questions that they may have. There is no fee for band, just the instrument rental cost or if you chose to purchase an instrument and material costs (lesson book, reeds for woodwinds, etc.).

Throughout the school year, students will have small group band lessons and full band rehearsals during the school day and have an opportunity to earn pizza and ice cream parties as incentive rewards, not to mention band snack days as a way of wrapping up a successful band year.

Students can also take a solo to music contest which involves playing in front of a judge and receiving a score sheet and participation medal for their efforts – it's a great way to encourage those that are highly motivated and enjoy playing.



Extra help lessons can be offered after school if a student feels that they are falling behind. By the end of the year, students look forward to performing at school assemblies and their final concert for parents and friends. Being in an instrumental band program will teach responsibility, develop a new skill, promote team work and is a great way to meet new friends. Studies show that students who participate in activities, such as band, tend to be more successful in school. Joining band is a great way to get involved!

