

Dayton Oaks Elementary School

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Kimberlyn Pratesi
Principal

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Assistant Principal

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Hello! My name is Amy Syversen and I am honored to be the band director at Dayton Oaks Elementary School. Your child attended an assembly where the students had the opportunity to meet me and learn about the Band Program.

I believe children have talent in music in their own special way, and it is my job to help them discover their musical gift. In order to do that, the band students will be taking part in a variety of music activities. These activities will be designed to help the students develop musical skills and to know and appreciate many different styles of music.

Performing in instrumental music ensembles gives students so much more than just musical training. Students learn cooperation and teamwork, commitment and responsibility, tolerance and acceptance, as well as perseverance and self-discipline. Performing with a group that plays well helps build self-esteem, confidence and pride in accomplishment. Studying music also reinforces reading and math skills and enhances gross and fine motor skills.

Please talk with your child about this week's band assembly to see if they have an interest in being a part of this exciting program. The instruments available for students to play will be:

Trombone	Flute	Percussion
Trumpet	French Horn	Saxophone
Clarinet	Baritone	Tuba



These instruments can all be rented or purchased at local music stores. *If you would like to be in band but are unable to rent an instrument please see or contact Mrs. Syversen.* I may receive multiple requests to play some instruments and, therefore, I am asking students to provide their first three choices. In order to maintain small class sizes and proper band balance, not every student will get their first choice instrument. I would also like students to explain briefly why they have chosen their particular first choice instrument. Maybe a sibling or parent has played it in the past, they might like the sound it makes or there may be something about the instrument that makes it special to them. Whatever the reasons, I want them to share those feelings. If a student explains that he or she has an extremely strong desire to play a specific instrument I will do my very best to give that student his or her first choice. I will also work with your child to see if the instrument they have chosen is a good physical match. I will then contact you and let you know which instrument your child will be playing.

Each student will attend band for two thirty-minute sessions per week, but because band will be taught on a rotating schedule, students will only miss the same class/time slot every couple of weeks or so. Classroom teachers are supportive of the band program and provide students with the make up work necessary to keep them on track in other subjects.

Having high expectations and standards gives each student the benefit of enjoyment from their musical experiences. If your child chooses to become a member of the DOES band, he/she will be given a handbook that will explain those expectations and also the policies regarding your child's participation in the band program.

If your child would like to learn to play an instrument and be a part of the fun that comes with being a member of a band, **I ask that they complete the attached sheet and return it to me by Wednesday, September 7th. Band classes will begin on approximately Monday, September 12th.**

I am looking forward to meeting each of you at **on Tuesday, September 20th during our brief Instrumental Music Parent Meeting at 5:00pm in the DOES Cafeteria.** If you have any questions, please contact me at any time!! My email address is amy_syversen@hcpss.org. You can also leave a message for me at DOES at 410-313-1571 or contact me at home at 301-661-6654.

Don't forget to visit the band website at www.amybejm.com. See you soon!

Musically Yours,
Amy Syversen, Band Director

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Instrument Try-Out Schedule

Fourth and Fifth grade students interested in joining band for the first time (this includes students who want to switch from strings to band) will have the opportunity to try out their first and second choice instruments and/or mouthpieces after the band recruitment assembly.

The band recruitment assembly will take place on Tuesday, August 30th at 2:30pm in the Cafeteria.

Fourth and Fifth Graders will have the opportunity to meet with me in the **band room on Tuesday, August 30th** to try out instruments to help them make the best possible instrument selection.

The instrument try-out schedule for **Tuesday, August 30th** is as follows:

Mrs. Kidwell's Homeroom = 9:30am – 10:00am

Mrs. Calanni's Homeroom = 10:00am – 10:30am

Mrs. Baker's Homeroom = 10:30am – 11:00am

Any Fifth Grader Interested in Joining Band for the First Time= 11:00am – 11:30am

Don't forget to turn in your Band Application by Wednesday, September 7th!!!

DUE BY SEPTEMBER 7th

Dayton Oaks Elementary School Beginning Band

Application to Join the Beginning Band Program



Student's Name: _____
Last First Middle

Grade: _____ Classroom Teacher: _____

Mother's/Guardians Name: _____
Last First

Father's/Guardian's Name: _____
Last First

Are you available to volunteer with the band program? Yes No (circle one)
If yes, please send an email confirmation to amy_syversen@hcpss.org

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone(s): _____

Primary Email Address (required): _____

Instrument Preference (please list three choices)

Available Instruments:

Trombone
Trumpet
Clarinet
French Horn
Flute
Baritone
Tuba
Saxophone
Percussion

1st Choice: _____

2nd Choice: _____

3rd Choice: _____

**In order to maintain small class sizes and proper band balance, not every student will get their first choice of instrument.

In a few words, tell me why you have chosen your first choice instrument:

Please note any medical conditions that require special needs below and on back:

DOES Band T Shirt Order (optional)

Quantity: _____ Size(s): YM YL AS AM AL AXL AXXL (circle)

Please Note: Shirt money will be collected once all Band T Shirt orders have been placed. Prices are determined based on the number of shirts ordered.

Band Website – www.amybejm.com

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Required Materials – Do not purchase instrument specific materials until Mrs. Syversen has confirmed with you through email which instrument your son or daughter will be playing

The following is a list of the required materials you will need to succeed. You may want to rent or lease your child's selected instrument from a local music store. *If you would like to be in band but are unable to rent an instrument please see or contact Mrs. Syversen as soon as possible.* **Please have all required materials listed below by Monday, September 12th at the latest:**

All Students:

1. Wire Music Stand (*for home use, do not bring to school*) – this helps promote good posture and playing position during **home** practice
2. Instrument in good playing condition
3. Metronome (can be purchased for \$15 from a music store or www.wwbw.com)
4. Two pencils with erasers stored in your instrument case *at all times*
5. Lesson Books:
Measures of Success A Comprehensive Musicianship Band Method Bk One for your instrument
6. 1½ inch 3-ring binder
7. One package of five index divider tabs for the binder labeled with the following sections: (1) schedule/handbook, (2) music, (3) practice charts, (4) scales/rhythm sheets, (5) handouts/other
8. One packet of sheet protectors (*optional*)

Trombones: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bottle of Slide-O-Mix or "Superslick Slick-It Kit" 2. Tuning Slide Grease 3. Water Spray bottle or "Bone" bottle 4. Polishing Cloth 5. Mouthpiece brush 6. Cleaning Snake 	Clarinets: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 4 extra reeds AT ALL TIMES (Rico or Mitchell Lurie 2 strength) 2. Reed case that holds 4 reeds 3. Cork grease and Clarinet Swab 4. Mouthpiece Cap 5. Rovner Ligature (optional)
Oboes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 4 extra handmade reeds AT ALL TIMES Paul Sorten (740) 587-1603 2. Reed case that holds 4 reeds 3. Cork Grease, Silk Swab and Water Container to wet reeds (35mm film canister works well) 	Bassoons: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 4 extra handmade reeds AT ALL TIMES 2. Reed case that holds 4 reeds 3. Cleaning swab 4. Seat Strap, Crutch, Silk Swab and Paraffin 5. Water Container to wet reeds
French Horns: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. One bottle of Rotary Valve Oil by Hetman 2. Tuning Slide Grease 3. Polishing Cloth 3. Mouthpiece brush 4. Cleaning Snake 	Flutes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Flute tuning rod (should come with instrument) 2. Flute Swab 3. Polishing Cloth
Saxophones: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 4 extra reeds AT ALL TIMES Rico or Hemke 2 or medium soft strength) 2. Reed case that holds 4 reeds 3. Cork grease 4. Sax swab 5. Rovner Ligature (optional) 6. Polishing Cloth 	Trumpets, Baritones and Tubas: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bottle of Al Cass Brand Piston Valve Oil 2. Tuning Slide Grease 3. Polishing Cloth 4. Mouthpiece brush 5. Cleaning Snake
Percussion: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bell kit including drumsticks (Vic Firth SD1 Generals), an 8" tunable practice pad, practice pad/bell stand, a set of bells, and bell mallets. *NOTE: It is NOT necessary for you to purchase a snare drum for your child. 2. Stick Bag (optional) 	

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Local Music Stores

Here is a list of some of the music stores in this area where you may want to rent or purchase your instrument from as well as all other required materials for band.

Baltimore Brass Company

99 Mellor Ave.
Catonsville, MD. 21228
Toll Free: (866) TUBA-230/Local or outside of US: (410) 744-1723
<http://www.baltimorebrass.net>

Bill's Music

743 Frederick Rd.
Baltimore, MD 21228
Phone: (410) 788-8900 or Toll-Free: (800) 828-0023 Email: sales@billsmusic.com
<http://www.billsmusic.com/home.asp>

Coffey Music

31 East Main Street
Westminster, Maryland 21157
Phone: (410) 876-1045 or (410) 848-5003
<http://www.musicsalesandlessons.com/>

Chuck Levin's Washington Music Center

Chuck Levin's Washington Music Center
11151 Veirs Mill Road, Wheaton, MD 20902 USA
Phone: (301) 946-8808 Email: sales@chucklevins.com
<http://www.wmcworld.com>

Mike's Music

4872 Montgomery Road
Ellicott City, MD 21043
Phone: (410) 465-0700
<http://www.mikesmusicmd.com/>

Music and Arts Centers

Chatham Station – Ellicott City
9210 Baltimore National Pike, Rt. 40 West
Ellicott City, MD 21042
Phone: (410) 461-1844

Cherry Tree Center – Laurel

11200 Scaggsville Rd Unit 111
Laurel, MD 20723
Phone: (240) 568-0600

Music and Arts Express – Columbia Crossing

6131 Columbia Crossing Drive
Columbia, MD 21045
Phone: (240)409-5486
<http://www.musicarts.com/>

Stu's Music

723 Baltimore Blvd.
Westminster, Maryland 21157
Phone: (410) 876-7585 or (800) 908-7585 Email: stusmusic@stusmusic.com
<http://www.stusmusic.com>

Wood Bridge Music Company

5809 Clarksville Square Dr., Suite 103
Clarksville, MD 21029
Phone: (443) 535-9677
<http://www.woodbridgemusic.com>

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