

Join the Dayton Oaks & West Friendship Elementary School Jazz Band!!



Who can join the Jazz Band?

- ♪ 5th graders and some 4th graders who have been playing one of the following instruments at least one year:
 - Flute, clarinet, alto saxophone, tenor saxophone, baritone saxophone, trumpet, trombone, baritone, tuba, guitar, piano, bass or drum set
 - We especially need trumpets, trombones, drum set, and saxophones!
- ♪ All instruments other than piano, guitar and bass must be a current member of the WFES Band

When and where does Jazz Band practice?

- ♪ Every **Tuesday from 4:10PM–5:10PM** beginning on November 15th
- ♪ Practice will be held in the **Dayton Oaks ES Band Room**
- ♪ Students must be **picked up promptly at 5:10PM**. (If the drop off/pick up time is a problem and you cannot find a carpool, please let me know.)
- ♪ Please plan to attend all rehearsals. Participation in the group may be re-evaluated for those students who are frequently late or miss more than three practices

Do I need to audition?

- ♪ 5th grade students who have already played in band for one year can join the Jazz Band without an audition
- ♪ 4th grade band students and beginning 5th grade band students will need to audition
 - Play a piece of your choice and prepare your Bb concert scale
 - Students may also be asked to sight read some music
- ♪ All bass, piano and guitar players –
 - Must audition, should have at least one year of private lessons, and be currently receiving additional instruction
 - Auditions for bass, piano and guitar players: **Wednesday, October 26th from 3:50PM - 4:20PM** in the West Friendship ES Band Room
 - Play a piece of your choice and your Bb and Eb major scales
 - Students may also be asked to sight read some rock/swing music
 - All students staying after school for auditions will need a note for their teacher and need to be **promptly picked up by 4:20 PM**
- ♪ Auditions for drum set parts will be held only if the number of students applying exceeds the available parts (Although it is not required, it is **highly encouraged** that any percussionist who would like to play drum set in the jazz band receives additional instruction from a specialist and/or purchases Vic Firth's "Groove Essentials" by Tommy Igoe)

What Do I Need To Purchase for Jazz Band?

- ♪ All Jazz Band students should purchase:
 - "Essential Elements for Jazz Ensemble" by Mike Steinel (Hal Leonard Publishing)
- ♪ Guitar and Bass players may need to purchase an amplifier and/or pick up

Jazz Band Permission Slip
My Child is Interested in Joining the Jazz Band!

Name of Student: _____

School: Dayton Oaks ES West Friendship ES

Grade: 5th 4th

Homeroom: _____

Instrument: _____

Email address and home phone number (if not already a band member):

Home Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Are you receiving private instruction on your instrument? YES NO

If yes, please list your private teacher's name and phone number:

Jazz Band T Shirt Order (needed for performances)

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 because number of shirts ordered will determine the final shirt cost

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Please return the completed form by no later than Wednesday, October 5th

Questions may be directed to Mrs. Syversen at amy_syversen@hcpss.org
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