

2016 – 2017 School Year Extra-Curricular Elementary Band Opportunity in Ladner

Once again, there is an extra curricular Elementary Band program offered in Ladner for children in Grades 4,5,6 and 7. The teachers for this program are Curt Jantzen (cjband@telus.net) 604-946-2309 and Margaret Behenna (mbehenna@dccnet.com) 604-946-7304, two experienced retired High School Band Directors who have been teaching Elementary Band in Ladner for a number of years.



Students can sign up for one of the following groups and have instruction once per week **beginning Thursday October 13 until the end of May.** The teaching times are as follows, with the location being Hawthorne Elementary School:

- **Advanced Band** (for students with 1 or more years experience) **4:30 – 5:30 pm on THURSDAYS at Hawthorne Elementary**
- **Beginner Band** (for children with no previous experience) **3:15 - 4:15 pm on THURSDAYS at Hawthorne Elementary**

The benefits of playing in a band are documented by many university studies. These studies have invariably discovered that playing music at school is a prime way to engage students in their schooling with greater success in school. Band not only teaches music reading, instrument technique, and performance skills, but it also develops self-motivation, self-confidence, and teaches the importance of teamwork.

Joining Elementary Band in the fall indicates a commitment to stay the full school year. Refunds are not issued. An enrollment of 15 children is needed to run the class. Please impress upon your child that a full school year's effort is required in order to assess his/her ability and interest in band. The tuition fee to participate in the program is **\$295** for the school year **payable at the first lesson, or at the rental night. (see below) IMPORTANT** Your child will require an instrument. If using a used instrument, please have it professionally serviced prior to the first lesson by a reputable instrument repairman. A poor quality instrument will hinder or even prevent progress. Excellent rental instruments are available from many stores at very reasonable prices. (e.g. Long & McQuade, Tapestry Music, Tom Lee Music, Matterhorn Music)

The instruments we use in elementary band are clarinet, flute, alto or tenor saxophone, trumpet, trombone, baritone, snare drum and electric bass. **NB: Electric bass is popular, but is a large, cumbersome instrument for Elementary age children so we recommend renting a ¾ size bass or (better plan) choosing a different band instrument to begin learning Instrumental Music. Changing to another instrument in future years is rarely a problem.**

INSTRUMENT RENTAL NIGHT: For your convenience, Long and McQuade Music personnel (www.long-mcquade.com/) have been invited to set up shop and offer instrument rentals to all families on **Wednesday, Oct. 12 anytime between 6:00pm and 7:00 pm at Hawthorne Elementary in Ladner.** Parents can rent an instrument and accessories, obtain the book and a music stand, and meet Mrs. Behenna and Mr. Jantzen that evening.

The approximate monthly **rent-to-own** price range of the instruments (at Long & McQuade for example) is:

- Flute, Clarinet, Trumpet, Trombone, Snare Drum – from \$14 - \$26 per month approx (used vs new)
- Alto Sax/Tenor Sax - \$28 - \$60+ per month (used vs new)
- Baritone - \$32-43 per month
- Electric Bass & Amp – approx. \$25 per month

In addition: All children must purchase the method book, Essential Elements 2000 Book 1 (approx. \$10.00); Clarinet players and Saxophone players need to also purchase a box of ten #2 Reeds. (Alto sax reeds cost about \$25 per box, Clarinet reeds about \$18) These should last for the whole year. And, we recommend all children purchase a music stand at a cost of about \$12.

Please complete the form below, attach tuition payment with cheque in the amount of \$295 made payable to Hawthorne School, and hand it in to the school office where your child attends school or give it to us on the first day of Band or at the Rental Night.

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Please detach and complete this form and return it with payment to your child's school office, at the Rental Night or on the first day of class. **The tuition cost is \$295.** Renting or purchasing your child's instrument is done directly with the music company. **Please write your child's first and last name on bottom left of cheque.** Cheques must be made payable to Hawthorne Elementary School.

Name of child _____ Home Phone No. _____

School child attends _____ Grade _____ Level of Band? circle one: Beginner Advanced

Name of Parent(s)/Guardian – please print first and last names

_____ (mother) _____ (father)

Parent Email Address (we use this for all correspondence) _____ ***** important**

Circle the instrument your child plans to play:

Flute clarinet trumpet trombone alto sax tenor sax snare drum electric bass baritone