

## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Music Programs: Overview, 2017-18 School Year

Mill Valley School District

Dear Fifth Grade families: Thanks to generous funding provided by Kiddo!, the Mill Valley School District offers (in addition to general music classes for all students at your school) several optional programs specifically for 5<sup>th</sup> grade musicians. Note class locations: Band and Orchestra meet at MVMS; Chorus meets at Edna Maguire. **All groups meet on Wednesdays at 2:15, so students may choose only one.**

	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Band	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Orchestra
<b>Overview</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> grade chorus is an exciting program that brings together singers from all of the MVSD elementary schools. It is a wonderful opportunity to grow as a singer, and meet other students from around the district. There will be a few performance opportunities throughout the year.	The 5 <sup>th</sup> grade beginning band is open to all 5 <sup>th</sup> graders who would like to learn the following instruments: flute, clarinet, alto saxophone, trumpet, trombone and percussion. <i>Note: percussion includes mallet instruments (xylophone etc.), so students signing up for percussion must also be enrolled in private piano lessons or have taken a minimum of 2 years of piano.</i>	Instruction is offered for violin, viola, cello and bass. Students will learn ensemble skills and perform pieces from classical to fiddle to world music. There will be two concerts: Winter and Spring. In addition, students will have the opportunity to perform in a state music festival competition in the Spring.
<b>Director(s)</b>	Jessica Nicholson, MVMS choral director jnicholson@mvschools.org  Nora Hunter, 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> grade choral director nhunter@mvschools.org	Darren Smith dsmith@mvschools.org  Cayce Carnahan ccarnahan@mvschools.org	Phoebe Dong pdong@mvschools.org
<b>Class Schedule</b>	This group meets each Wednesday from 2:15-3:10 in the <u>Edna Maguire</u> music room.	Students will have one 30-minute lesson per week at their school site in addition to a weekly district-wide combined rehearsal Wednesday afternoons from 2:15-3:10 in the Mill Valley Middle School band room.	Students will meet twice a week with a 30-minute group lesson at each elementary school and a combined rehearsal on Wednesdays from 2:15-3:10 pm at the middle school.
<b>Requirements</b>	Prior chorus experience is helpful, but not required to join.	Students must provide their own instruments, though there are a small number of instruments available for those who need them.	Registration for the class is open to all students who have had fourth grade orchestra from the previous year or students who have had one or more years of private instruction.

**Registration:** Students may choose one. Please sign up early, as space may be limited. Registration instructions are on the back of this sheet.

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### Registration (Cont.):

Registration instructions for each program are below. Please sign up early, as space may be limited. As confirmation of registration, you will receive information about instrument rentals/purchases and specifics on the weekly schedule and evening concert dates.

	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Band	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Orchestra
<b>How to Register</b>	<p>To sign up, please send an email and include <b>BOTH</b> Jessica and Nora:  <a href="mailto:jnicholson@mvschools.org">jnicholson@mvschools.org</a>;  <a href="mailto:nhunter@mvschools.org">nhunter@mvschools.org</a></p> <p><b>Subject Line:</b> EM/OM/PK/SP/TV (choose school site) 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus 2017                      Example:  <b>SP 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus 2017</b></p> <p><b>Email Body:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Include child's name, parent's name, contact email and phone number, school and 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher's name</li> </ul>	<p>To register your child for band, send an email to Darren Smith at:  <a href="mailto:dsmith@mvschools.org">dsmith@mvschools.org</a></p> <p><b>Subject Line:</b> EM/OM/PK/SP/TV (choose school site) 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Band 2017                      Example:  <b>EM 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Band 2017</b></p> <p><b>Email Body:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student's name, school, &amp; 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher</li> <li>• Parent name(s), phone number(s), email address(es)</li> <li>• Instrument of interest (sax, flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, percussion)</li> </ul>	<p>To register your child for orchestra, send an email to: <a href="mailto:pdong@mvschools.org">pdong@mvschools.org</a></p> <p><b>Subject Line:</b> EM/OM/PK/SP/TV (choose school site) 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Orchestra Registration 2017                      Example:  <b>TV 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Orchestra Registration 2017</b></p> <p><b>Email Body:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>First and last name of child, choice of instrument (violin, viola, cello or bass)</li> <li>First and last name of parent or parents, cell number(s)</li> <li>Classroom teacher's name</li> <li>Additional email addresses that you want included on the contact list</li> </ol>
<b>Signup Deadline</b>	<p>Hurry, space is limited!                      Sign up by Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>First class will be Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>.</p>	<p>Classes at school sites will begin the week of September 18<sup>th</sup>. The first Wednesday after-school rehearsal at MVMS will be September 27<sup>th</sup>.</p>	<p>Registration CLOSES on Oct.1, 2017. Our first lessons at each elementary school and at the middle school begin the week of September 25<sup>th</sup>.</p>

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