Dear Parents

As a part of our basic instructional program for elementary students, Wilson Focus School offers instrumental music instruction for students. Instruction in music begins at the elementary level and continues through high school.

**Band Classes**
5th Grade students may elect to receive beginning instruction on Brass, Woodwind or Percussion instruments. A band specialist will provide students two group lessons each week. The lessons are scheduled according to the music instructor’s schedule.

**Supplies Needed**

1. Obtain an instrument. Begin by looking at music stores on the back of the sheet.
2. Purchase a folding wire music stand at the music dealer.
   This is a different method book than we have used in years past. Please purchase the correct book for your instrument.
4. Extra supplies (Please note specific supplies for each instrument below)

**Woodwind Instruments (Clarinet, Oboe, Bassoon, Flute and Saxophone)**
Be certain that the instrument you select has a case with latches and hinges that work properly. A cleaning cloth should be provided. All woodwind instruments, except the flute, should have a supply of reeds and cork grease.

**Brass Instruments (Trumpet/Cornet, French Horn, Trombone and Baritone)**
Be certain that the instrument you select has a case with latches and hinges that work properly. Each instrument should contain the proper mouthpiece, valve oil, slide grease and cleaning cloth.

**Percussion (Permission of the music teacher is required before a student can begin percussion lessons)**
It is recommended that a student interested in percussion have piano instruction before beginning percussion. Beginning percussionists should obtain a percussion kit that includes a two and one half octave bell set with stand, practice pad, mallets and drumsticks. A carrying case should be provided. As students advance in ability, a snare drum will need to be obtained. Please note that with percussion instruction, most of the first year will be spent learning and performing with the bells. Therefore, a practice pad will initially be sufficient for practicing the snare drum technique.

**Whatever instrument you find, please remember:** To prevent possible instrument damage, please wait for instruction from the band teacher before assembling the instrument. Be sure to mark the instrument case, music stand and book with your child’s name.

**Please do not neglect the other sources available for finding an instrument.** Family and friends, neighbors and co-workers may have played an instrument at one time, but now it just sits in an attic. Pawn stores often have instruments as well. Internet sites (both local and worldwide) can be a possible place to find an instrument, however, not all instruments are of the same quality. Regarding Internet dealers and online marketplaces: If you have any doubts, go with one of the reputable local dealers on the back of this sheet to ensure good service after the sale.

**Enrollment forms for strings will be distributed at the beginning of school year.** At the first day, your child does not need to have an instrument. Your child may still attend strings classes for a short time without an instrument. After about two weeks, only students with instruments will continue.

**I have a very limited supply of instruments that are available.** Please exhaust all the above options before requesting one. The students will be selected by me, based on student interest, financial need, and potential for success. Parents may request an instrument in writing; simply address a letter to Mr. Gruber, and send it to school with your child. Please include student’s name and your contact information.

Thanks for your interest in band! I hope to see you soon.  –Mr. Gruber

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WOODWIND INSTRUMENTS

- Flute
- Clarinet
- Saxophone
- Oboe

BRASS INSTRUMENTS

- Trumpet
- French Horn
- Trombone
- Baritone

Omaha Area Music Stores

- **Schmitt Music Center**
  7355 Dodge St.
  402-391-5588

- **Dietze Music Store**
  13015 W. Center Rd.
  402-333-1535
  2012 Comhusker Rd.
  402-291-3745

- **Thompson Music**
  14220 Fort St.
  Suite #103
  402-289-9699

- **Horn Works**
  5750 S. 77 St.
  402-592-5655

- **Ann’s Music World**
  204 E. Grant St.
  (Papillion)
  402-339-1659

- **J-D Music** (percussion only)
  8453 Frederick St.
  398-9808

- **Voda's Drum City**
  By appointment only
  301-1060