



Bradford Woods Music Program Offerings

BAND

4th/5th Grade

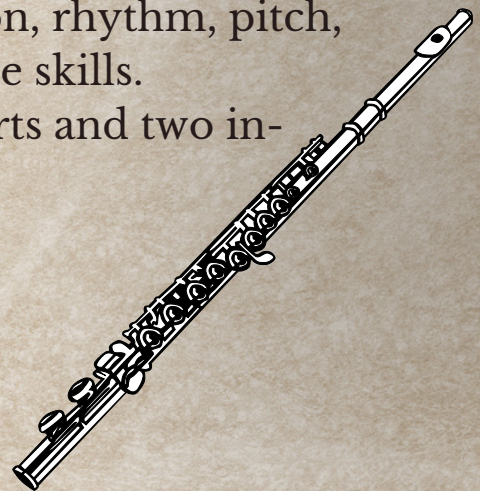
Taught by Mr. Klicker

The elementary band program is designed for first and second year musicians in grades 4 and 5. Instruction is offered on flute, oboe, clarinet, alto saxophone, trumpet, French horn, trombone, baritone and percussion (bells and snare drum).

There are two components in elementary band instruction. Students learn to play in weekly, half hour, small group lessons with “like instrumentation.” Full band rehearsals are forty-five minute long, weekly classes in which the students learn to play as an ensemble.

Throughout lessons and band rehearsals, students learn to care for their instruments and play their instruments with steady tempo, tone quality, breath support, intonation, rhythm, pitch, harmony, articulation, and ensemble skills.

Band students perform two evening concerts and two in-school assemblies.



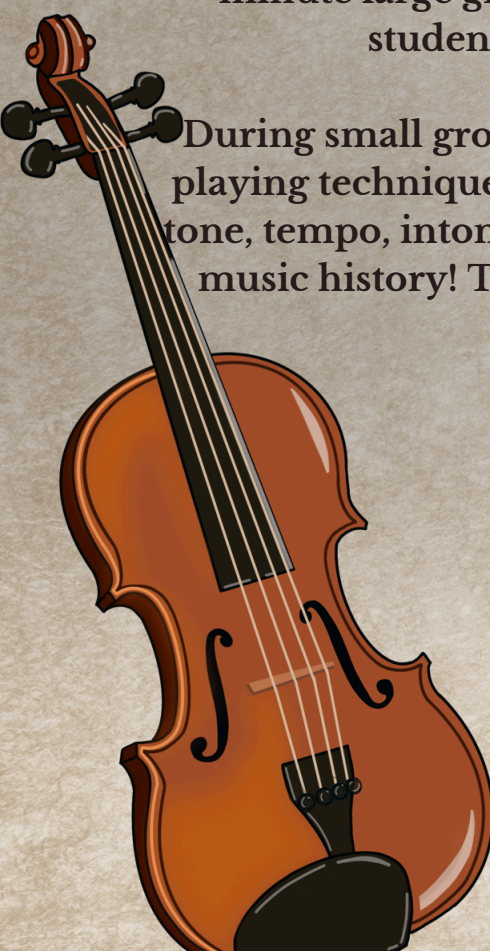


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ORCHESTRA 3rd-5th Grade

Taught by Mrs. Semanco

The elementary orchestra program is offered to all students in grades 3, 4, and 5. North Allegheny offers instruction on violin, viola and cello for beginning level string students starting in the third grade. For fourth and fifth grade, double bass is also offered. Students are able to begin orchestra in the third grade because the instruments are available in fractional sizes more appropriate for younger beginners. Each student attends two sections of instruction weekly. The half-hour small group lesson consists of 5 or 6 students learning basic technique on their particular instrument. The 45-minute large group ensemble consists of an entire grade level of string students playing full ensemble string orchestra works.



During small group lessons and orchestra rehearsals students learn proper playing techniques, ensemble skills, and basic musicianship skills including tone, tempo, intonation, playing posture, rhythm, harmony, articulation and music history! The orchestra performs two in-school assemblies and two evening concerts each year.





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CHORUS 4th/5th Grade

Taught by Mr. Schmidt



In 4th and 5th Grade Chorus, the student will learn basic singing techniques to best develop the physical body as a singing instrument. During the two-year elementary chorus experience, the student will focus on five main units. Respiration, phonation, resonant tone production, diction, and expression are the five main focus points of chorus. We learn these skills through various types of repertoire including unison, two part, jazz, holiday, pops, and musical theater.

This experience is once a week during the school day for a 45 minute period where students do not miss any academic classes to participate.





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SINGING TIGERS

4th/5th Grade

Taught by Mr. Schmidt

In 4th and 5th Grade, students who love to sing also have the opportunity to audition for the Singing Tigers ensemble. This ensemble meets once per week in the mornings prior to the school day for a 50 minute period. Students must successfully complete an audition process in the fall to be selected for the ensemble.

The five main pillars of chorus are also taught during Singing Tigers but in a fast pace and a more rigorous environment. These students perform during the fall and spring concerts and also may be selected to perform at other events within and outside of the district. Students must participate in chorus to be eligible to audition for the Singing Tigers.

