

4th Grade Parents,

Please join us for the 5th Annual USD 437 District Wide Music Fair!

When: *Thursday, May 2 @ 6:30pm*

Where: *Washburn Rural High School Auditorium and Music Wing*

Why: *Gather 4th grade families to spark interest in available 5th grade music options*

This event is intended to help make a musical decision for your child's 5th grade year. There are many options available in 5th grade. We want you to be excited and assured about your choice. Also, we want to respect your time. The evening will last for an hour. If you wish to stick around and chat, we'd love that but the format is such that you'll be done in an hour if you wish. Basically, the night will be divided into four short sessions.

Session 1: *Meet in the auditorium – introductions – explain the evening's format*

Session 2: *Visit area (Band, Strings, Choir)*

Session 3: *Visit 2nd area (Band, Strings, Choir)*

Session 4: *Visit final area (Band, Strings, Choir)*

If you have already made a decision for next year, you can remain in your 1st session for the duration or leave at its conclusion. Again, we want this to be useful for you in whatever way you need.

Manning Music will be on hand prepared to rent/sell instruments on site and give brief opportunities for students to test out equipment. They will also have a variety of accessories to look at. Additionally, our district music staff will all be available to answer questions and assist in any way throughout the evening. More time is provided at each elementary school to try out instruments. High school student musicians will perform for your enjoyment throughout the evening.

All in all we hope you will have a great time and leave knowing more about the choices available to you and your child. If you have questions, don't hesitate to ask.

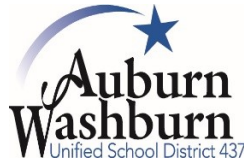
Sincerely,

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Band, Choir and Orchestra Information for rising 5th graders

In preparation for 5th grade, all 4th grade students in our district will explore instrument choices prior to the fall semester of 2019. **This will be the only year that students will have the opportunity to receive beginning instruction on an instrument.** If you decide that you would rather sing and not play one of the instruments below, you can be in choir.

Instruments and supplies will be needed to participate in band or orchestra. Your music instructor will determine what those are. We encourage those who can rent from a music store to do so. The district has some instruments for rent and availability is dependent on current inventory. Percussion is the only instrument which requires an audition. There will be three chosen at each elementary school. Your music teacher can help you with any questions you may have.

Some instruments are not introduced in 5th grade. By middle school, there may be opportunities to switch to instruments such as oboe or saxophone. This is at the discretion of the band director. Saxophone is NOT an option in 5th grade band.

The following instruments are taught in these classes:

ORCHESTRA

Violin

Viola

Cello

Bass



BAND

Flute



Clarinet



Trumpet



Trombone



Percussion (audition only)



Studies show that students who study music score higher on tests and have more success in school! Plus, it can be life-long FUN!

We strongly encourage taking part in our Summer Band Preparatory Camp for 4th graders. It takes place July 8th-11th at WRHS. See the flyer with more information about this exciting opportunity!

Auburn-Washburn Summer Band Preparatory Camp for 4th Graders

July 8th-11th, 2019

This camp is open to all Auburn-Washburn 4th grade students who are participating in **5th grade band** for the **2019-2020 school year**. It is an opportunity for 4th graders/incoming 5th graders to learn introductory skills on their instrument (flute, clarinet, trumpet, trombone, euphonium, and bells with instructor permission) with members of the district band staff. The schedule is as follows:

9:00-9:45: Trumpets and Flutes

10:00-10:45: Clarinets and Euphoniums

11:00-11:45: Percussion and Trombones

The camp will take place in the music wing at Washburn Rural High School. Please enter the school through the south band doors (by Ken Berry fields). Also please plan to arrive 5-10 minutes early to help ease the setup process.

The cost of the camp will be \$25. The participation in this camp will give students the opportunity to participate in the Auburn-Washburn Summer Music Camp the following week **for free**. Any questions? Feel free to contact Melissa Sauls at saulsmel@usd437.net or 339-4157.

Student Name: _____

T-Shirt Size (IF DOING MUSIC CAMP 7/15-7/18): XS S M L XL

Elementary School: _____

Instrument: _____

Parent Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Parent Email: _____

Please return to Melissa Sauls at WRHS by **June 1st**. Please make checks payable to Melissa Sauls.