

# GREETINGS FROM YOUR INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TEACHERS, MR. CHESTON and MR. JONES!!

Many students took the opportunity to sign up to play an instrument at the end of last school year. But with the uncertainty, many families decided to wait to sign up. But we want you to know....

## **THERE IS A BAND AND ORCHESTRA PROGRAM FOR INTERESTED 4th and 5th GRADERS!**

**Lessons on musical instruments will be starting in mid-late September.**

Mr. Jones and Mr. Cheston encourage you to go to the website to read all about the program. Click the link below and you will find important information. There is even an online enrollment form that students and parents can fill out to join the band and orchestra.

## **ELEMENTARY BAND AND ORCHESTRA WEBSITE**

We believe we can provide instruction this year that will be unique and effective, and are calling our instruction:

### **"Live Online Lessons" or "LOL"**

In this unique situation, scheduling for LOL's is a challenge. Please know that our goal is to NOT pull students from synchronous learning with homeroom or other teachers. Instead, we will try to offer our classes during other times in the student's day.

1. **LOL's will be important for students to attend as regularly as possible.** But we also plan to record our lessons so students can watch them over again as needed. Perhaps, if a student is sick or for any reason is unable to "attend" the LOL, he or she can watch it later that day or another day that week.
2. **We are also planning to have times available when we can work one on one with students who need or want extra help.** In many cases, we will initiate these short sessions. This is similar to how we helped many students in the past as one of us would give individual help to struggling students to help catch them up to the rest of the class, except of course this time we will be virtual.

We are both committed to making our program work for the students. We will be learning and evolving as the year continues. Patience will be the key --- for students, parents *and* teachers!

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