

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MONDOVI – MUSIC DEPARTMENT

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Dear Parents of Fifth Grade Students:

IT'S TIME TO JOIN THE BAND!

Being a part of the band program offers students the opportunity to develop many of the positive characteristics that will help them lead successful lives. Through a variety of experiences, students will develop an understanding and appreciation for different types of music and develop skills in communication, reading, listening, and coordination. Students will work in both an independent and cooperative environment where they will have fun learning responsibility, work ethic, accomplishing goals and making music.

This year's fifth grade students will have a chance to talk about beginning band in their music classes. We had demonstrations of the different band instruments during the school day on October 19th by members of the High School Concert Band in order to let kids think about their instrument choice. I would also encourage students to YouTube the various band instruments!

Starting the week of November 27th, each 5th grade band student will have one lesson a week with Mr. Walk. We will also have one full band practice each week.

SELECTING A BAND INSTRUMENT IS A BIG DECISION!!!

Selecting an appropriate instrument for a student musician is a very important decision, as most students play in the band all through middle school and high school. I would like your child to start thinking about their top 3 choices that they feel would be enjoyable to play. The most important element of a new concert band is attaining the proper balance of instruments. Students who wish to join the percussion section are preferred to have piano instruction prior to joining the band. Those who choose Tuba, French Horn and Baritone can use school owned instruments. You will just need to buy a mouthpiece and the school rental fee is \$75 for the year.

Please fill out the following BAND ENROLLMENT FORM and turn it into your 5th grade teacher by Friday, Nov 3rd! I will let everyone know final instrument choices for the band by Nov. 10th.

Mondovi is fortunate to be serviced by two reputable music stores; Eckroth Music of Eau Claire and Schmitt Music of Eau Claire. Both of these stores provide great services and quality products. When obtaining an instrument, I highly suggest doing so via an established musical instrument vendor such as these. Instruments from other venues are often poor quality, wear down easily and are not possible to repair.

To ensure that your student can begin practicing and make as much progress as possible, I highly encourage you to contact one of these vendors as soon as you find out what your instrument is. Students will also need a lesson book for class that can be obtained from either store when you get an instrument.

The book that we are currently using is **Power of The Winds - Book 1**.

Eckroth Music:

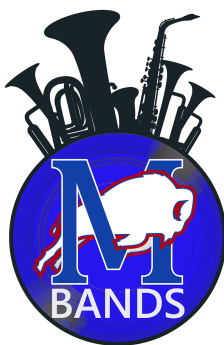
Phone: (715) 514-3139 Website: eckroth.com

Schmitt Music:

Phone: (715) 832-5564 Website: SchmittMusic.com

If you have any special circumstances that you feel you need to discuss, please call Mr. Walk at school (715-926-3656 x1383) or send an email (jwalk@mondovi.k12.wi.us).

Thank you! Mr. Walk - *Director of Bands (5-12) - School District of Mondovi*



Mondovi 5th Grade Band Enrollment Form
(Please hand this sheet into your 5th grade teacher by Friday, Nov. 3rd)

Please fill out the information below and write down your top **THREE** choices of which instrument you would like to play! PLEASE PRINT.

Student Name: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent Email: _____

I have taken piano lessons for _____ years _____ months.

LIST OF BAND INSTRUMENTS

Woodwinds

Clarinet

Flute

Alto Saxophone

Brass

Trumpet

French Horn

Trombone

Baritone

Tuba

Percussion

All Percussion

Instruments

All instruments are played by both boys and girls

1st Instrument Choice: _____ Do you already own this instrument?
YES NO

2nd Instrument Choice: _____ Do you already own this instrument?
YES NO

3rd Instrument Choice: _____ Do you already own this instrument?
YES NO