

# Elementary Band

Please email Mrs. Julie Werth, [jwerth@lwsd.org](mailto:jwerth@lwsd.org), with any questions about the Redmond Region Elementary Bands.

See more information about band in the [Elementary Band brochure](#), linked on this page.

## \*\*\* Announcements \*\*\*

**Registration** for 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Band is now open at <https://www.lwsd.org/programs-and-services/elementary-band-and-orchestra/elementary-band-and-orchestra-registration>

Both beginning and continuing (second-year) students will be accepted this year into 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Band!! Tell your friends to join! Separate instruction will be available to help beginners and continuing students who have not played in a long time.

Our Online 5th Grade Band Information Night will be Tuesday, September 15 at 6:30 pm. [Click](#) here to get the link to join. This meeting is mainly for helping parents of beginners, but everyone is welcome.

Start of 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Band – Band will start in the week of September 21, with two asynchronous lessons, and an optional live class.

First live online class will be Wed, September 23 at 2:30 to 3:00 pm. Instruments are not needed for this first live class. The live classes are optional, but highly encouraged.

4<sup>th</sup> Grade Band is on pause currently, as the district determines how elementary band will work in remote learning.

Benefits of Playing an Instrument - In addition to experiencing the joy of creating music with others, meeting new friends, and even getting to take trips with the band as you get older, music also helps your brain development. Click [here](#) to hear a Ted talk, "How playing an instrument benefits your brain." (hint: after a few seconds, you can click "Skip ads.") Students also learn teamwork and perseverance in band. Colleges often look for students who have had long-term experience with an activity, because these students learn that hard work over a long period leads them to mastery. Being in band through 12<sup>th</sup> grade means you will have 8 to 9 years of experience! Hopefully, many students will also continue to enjoy playing their instruments in college and afterwards.