

BE PART OF THE MUSIC

Dear Parents:

As an incoming sixth grader, your child finally has the opportunity to do what so many successful students have done before them, Be Part of the Music!

We know that for many of you, this will be your first exposure to music education and we wanted to take a few minutes to share some information with you.

Attached to this letter is information regarding our program and an Instrumental Fair. This is a time where you and your child can explore the different instruments and get help choosing the instrument that will give them the best chance of success. If you are unable to attend, you can contact us for further help. 6th is the only year beginning students may start class instruction with their peers.

Music education is more than just playing an instrument; it is immersing your child in a culture of successful students and teachers who care about education. It challenges each child to use the creative side of his/her brain while, at the same time, learning a foreign language...MUSIC.

All of the current data clearly states that students involved in music education academically out perform their non-musical counterparts. But, more importantly, studies are showing that music students are less likely to engage in risky behaviors such as drugs and alcohol.

Every destination starts with a decision to embark on a journey. Now is the time to start your child in music and Cheyenne Middle School is the place to do it! We can't promise that every child will be a musical prodigy, but we can promise they will learn, laugh, and grow along the way.

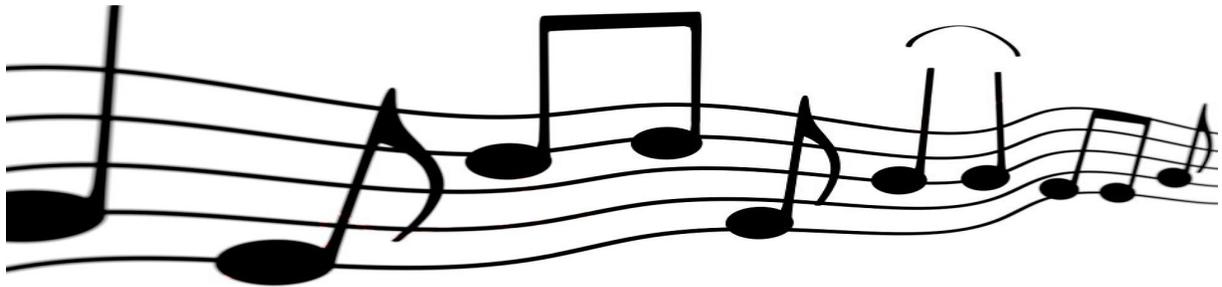
Should you have any questions about band or your child's participation, please feel free to contact us using the information listed below.

Sincerely,

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Cheyenne Middle School Instrument Fair



Where: Edmond North HS Band and Orchestra Rooms, North east corner of Edmond North HS building 39.

When: Choose 1 night to attend. This is a come and go event. April 2 and April 3, 5:00-8:00pm.

What: 5th Grade students are invited to come and try playing all of the beginning instruments offered in 6th grade through band and orchestra. This will give each child a chance to see what instrument they can be successful on and what to sign up for in 6th grade.

Who: ALL 5th grade students and families that will attend Cheyenne Middle School next fall.

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