

G&P Kids News Flash

Hello Families and Students!

Welcome back to another Kids News Flash. If you read the last one, thank you very much. Don't forget to read it to your kid or even let your kid read it. Tell everyone you know that goes to this school or is a parent to read it!

If you have an idea of what you want to read next, please contact our family liaison at lmorse@cpsd.us.



What & Why

INSTRUMENTS

Have you ever noticed 5th graders carrying instruments after school? Or hear the instruments playing on your way to class? That's because the 5th graders learn to play instruments as part of the Cambridge Public Schools Music Program. Different groups practice throughout the school building. The Brass play in the gym, the Woodwinds play in the art room, and the strings play in the auditorium. You must be wondering how we get them. There are 7 different instruments we choose from at the beginning of the year. Trumpet and trombone from brass, the teacher is Mr. Brady. Clarinet and flute from woodwinds, the teacher is Mr. Bebecca. Violin, viola, and cello from strings, the teacher is Mr. Tally. Here is how you get your instrument. First you try out each instrument. Next you get to choose which group you would want to be in. Then you choose an instrument that you would like to play from that group. The 5th graders have music class every Monday & Wednesday. We have to practice 70 or 75 minutes a week. These are the important things to know, according the G&P 5th graders.

Q: Why is it important to learn how to play an instrument?

A Cellist player said, "I think it is important because it will help them get better and it will get them into music and into playing instruments."

A flute player said, "I think it's important because you can make new friends and play in concerts."

Someone who plays clarinet said, "I think it is kind of

important because it's good to learn varieties of music. It's not that important because you don't need it for the rest of your life like you need math.

Violinist said, "Yes, because it's fun!"

A trumpeter said, "No, because how how is it going to help you and your life."

A trombone player said "Yes, it can help with your future."

Another trombonist said, "Yes, because it expands your knowledge of music and open yourself up to try new things."

That is what some students at G&P said. Do you think it's important to learn an instrument? It's a fun experience for students to try.

You can learn more about the Music Program here: www.cpsd.us/departments/visual__performing_arts/music_program

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5th graders aren't the only ones who get to learn how to play instruments. 4th graders also get instruments - recorders. 4th graders get recorders to prepare them for 5th grade instruments and to begin to learn how to read music. This is a great first step to learning how to play other instruments!

Thank you for reading the newsletter.