JOIN THE 5TH GRADE VALLEY CENTER BAND!

***PERCUSSION TRY OUTS:* Aug. 21ST and 22nd from 2:15-2:45. Make up day for absent students will be Friday, Aug. 23rd.**

ANY student interested in playing percussion (bells and snare drum) MUST participate in these try-outs. Students will be notified via a list posted outside the band room if they've been recommended for the percussion section on Monday, Aug. 26th.

INSTRUMENT TRY OUTS: Aug. 26th, 27th, 28th. Time assigned by homeroom.

During class time, Senseney Music personnel will come to VCIS and let each 5th grade student try a flute, clarinet, trumpet, and trombone.

INSTRUMENT RENTAL NIGHTS: VCIS Band Room (room B1) Aug. 29th and Sept. 3rd from 5:30-7:30 (parent informational meeting in room B5 at 5:30 and 6:30 both days).

Music store representatives will be available to discuss leasing or purchasing options for an instrument at this time. If you already own an instrument, they can evaluate it to see if it's in need of maintenance or repair. All other band needs (Traditions of Excellence band book by Pearson/Nowlin, Count Me In band book by Balmages/Williams, reeds, supplies, etc.) can be purchased at this time as well. We also ask that students sign an agreement form committing them to the 5th grade band for one year. These forms are due back no later than Friday, Sept. 6th, as this is how we build our initial attendance roster.

You are welcome to purchase/rent an instrument from any of Wichita's local music shops. Please use extreme caution when purchasing an instrument from anyone other than an authorized music store or dealer. This will ensure a quality instrument, as well as maintenance and repair services that will benefit the student and help ensure their overall success. Please refrain from obtaining an instrument until students have had the chance to try them out. This helps them decide where their natural aptitudes lie, as well as gives us a chance to look at instrumentation. If you have any questions at all, please feel free to contact Jan Verboom or Amanda Jolly, Valley Center Instrumental Music Co-Directors.

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Band supplies are: An instrument and its supplies (reeds, cleaning cloths, slide oil, cork grease, etc.), Method Books (Traditions of Excellence Book 1 and Count Me In), pencil, folder, and a hardworking, fun attitude.

5th grade band concert dates for the 2019-2020 school year: (required events)

Nov. 5th at 7:00pm, VCMS Gym

March 2nd at 7:00pm, VCMS Gym

May 4th at 8:00, VCHS Gym (District Mass Band Concert)