

PVPUSD Elementary Music Program

4th & 5th Graders

2018–2019

Elementary music continues to be a priority for the supporters of the Peninsula Education Foundation. We are grateful to the PEF for continuing to support the Elementary Music Program for grades TK-5th again this year.

From your music teachers:

Being able to sing and play a musical instrument is such a gift, but it is also a work in progress. Starting now will allow your child musical opportunities in the intermediate and high schools, and later in life. We are looking forward to watching each and every student experience the joy of creating music.

In grades 4 & 5 students may choose between Instrumental Music and Core Music instruction.

These classes take place during the school day. In addition to these classes, there are also opportunities for choral (Chorus) and instrumental (Ensemble) music before or after school. Please read all the information below to become familiar with the music opportunities available for your child.

How do we get started?

Please fill out the registration form attached to this information sheet. **Every student must return the registration form to the school office no later than Friday, September 7th.** If your child chooses Instrumental Music, he or she should enjoy the sound of the instrument chosen and be enthusiastic about learning to play it. *Remember that a band or orchestra needs a variety of instruments for a “complete” sound.* **All music classes begin the week of September 10** on your school’s music day listed below. At that time, your child will need to have his or her instrument and the supplies listed on the last page of this information sheet.

Tuesday – Point Vicente, Rancho Vista, and Vista Grande

Wednesday – Dapplegray, Mira Catalina, Silver Spur

Thursday – Cornerstone, Lunada Bay, Montemalaga, and Soleado

What happens during Core Music class?

4th & 5th grade students receive fifty minutes of music instruction. Activities include singing, playing recorder and percussion instruments, and movement. Students also study music history, beginning music theory (music reading), classical to contemporary composers, and music from a variety of cultures.

What happens during Instrumental Music class?

Instrumentalists are grouped by their instrument (brass, strings, or woodwinds) and given instruction for fifty minutes by our instrumental music teachers. Your child is expected to bring his or her own instrument, music book, and supplies on his/her scheduled music day every week. See page 3 for details on how to obtain an instrument.

Are there performances for Core Music and Instrumental Music classes?

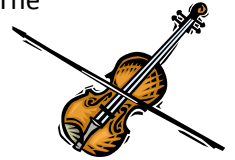
Absolutely! There will be two performances scheduled for all music groups during the school year. Parents and grandparents will be invited!

What is Chorus?

Chorus is an opportunity for a group singing class. It is held either before or after school and is open to all 3rd, 4th and 5th graders at every school site. Chorus will begin the week of September 24th, so watch for the chorus sign-up flyer. All elementary schools will participate in the District Choral Festival held at the Norris Theater on March 26, 27, or 28, 2019. **Your child may join both Chorus and Instrumental Ensemble!**

What is Ensemble and how is it different from the Instrumental Music class?

Ensemble is an **additional instrumental music class** offered before or after school. It is designed to help students to progress at a faster pace. Ensemble consists of two groups: winds (woodwinds and brass) and strings. The music played is different than the music played in the regular instrumental class. In addition, there are three District-wide Advanced Ensembles (strings, woodwinds, and brass) that meet weekly beginning in January and perform in June 2019. Students are selected by music teacher recommendation for this special advanced class.



Who can participate in Ensemble?

All 4th & 5th grade Instrumental Music students, beginners and experienced, are eligible. Music, with varying degrees of difficulty, will accommodate the different skill levels of the players.

When does Ensemble meet?

Ensemble is held before or after school for **45 minutes**. It begins the week of **September 24th, 2018**. Refer to the schedule below for your school's day and time.

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Morning Ensemble		
Silver Spur 7:30–8:15 AM Lunada Bay(winds) 7:40–8:25AM Vista Grande 7:40–8:25 AM	Dapplegray 7:40–8:25 AM	Montemalaga 7:40–8:25 AM Rancho Vista (winds) 7:40–8:25 AM Soleado 7:40–8:25 AM
Afternoon Ensemble		
*Point Vicente 3:05–3:50 PM *Rancho Vista (strings) 3:05-3:50 PM	*Mira Catalina 3:05–3:50 PM	*Cornerstone 3:05– 3:50 PM *Lunada Bay (strings) 3:05-3:50 PM

*Students must be picked up within 10 minutes of the end of Ensemble.

*On minimum days, afternoon Ensemble begins at 12:10 p.m. Do not forget to bring a snack!



Student Commitment

Your music class selection is a one-year commitment. Please read the following rules carefully. Your signature on the registration form means that you understand that your child must:

- ♪ Continue instrumental music for the entire school year
- ♪ Remember to bring instrument and music book on the scheduled music day
- ♪ Practice on a regular basis (at least 20 minutes a day)
- ♪ Keep his or her instrument clean and in good playing condition
- ♪ Perform in school programs

Q & A for Instrumental Music Program for 4th & 5th Grade

What supplies are needed for instrumental classes?

ALL INSTRUMENTS	STRINGS	WOODWINDS	BRASS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♪ Instrument ♪ Pencil ♪ 1" binder with document protectors ♪ Music stand for home study ♪ Cleaning cloth <p>* All method books may be purchased at Amuse Music in Palos Verdes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♪ Method book for personal use: *Essential Elements for Strings 2000 ♪ Shoulder pad/rest for violin if advised by teacher ♪ Rosin ♪ Extra set of strings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♪ Method book for personal use: *Accent on Achievement ♪ Cork grease (clarinets & saxophones) ♪ Cleaning swab ♪ 5 reeds, #1-1/2 (clarinets & saxophones) ♪ Neck strap – saxophone only 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♪ Method book for personal use: *Accent on Achievement ♪ Valve oil ♪ Tuning slide grease ♪ Cleaning brushes ♪ Slide grease – trombone only ♪ Water spray bottle – trombone only

Where can I find an instrument to rent or purchase?

The following are suggestions for local music stores:



Amuse Music, Palos Verdes	(310) 377-7838
Bellflower Music, Long Beach	(562) 867-6715
Morey's Music, Lakewood	(562) 420-9532
Music & Arts (Stephanie Salgado)	(562) 896-3220
Opus Music, Torrance	(310) 618-1185
Sam Ash Music, Torrance	(310) 214-0340
The Strings Connection, Palos Verdes	(310) 377-0803

What brand of instrument is recommended to rent or purchase?

It is very important to provide your child with an instrument that will "play well." The following manufacturers are known to produce quality student instruments:

- ♪ **Strings:** Becker, Knilling, Paesold, Suzuki
- ♪ **Woodwinds:** Armstrong, Artley, Buffet, Bundy, Conn, Keilwerth, Selmer, Winston, Yamaha, Yanigasawa, Gemeinhardt
- ♪ **Brass:** Amati, Bach, Belmonte, Besson, Conn, E. M. Winston, Getzen, Jupiter, Kanstul, Stomvi, Yamaha

Note: In our experience, instruments purchased at discount stores have not been reliable.

A student's instrument needs to be in good condition. When having an instrument repaired, request a loaner instrument and find out when your instrument will be returned to you. (Often, the loaner instruments are at no charge.)

How do I obtain a District-owned instrument?

The District has a **very limited** selection of instruments available to borrow and use in the elementary music program. Most of these instruments are either cellos, string basses, or trombones. There are NO oboes or French horns. If you desire a string instrument, you must bring the student for proper sizing.

A voluntary donation of \$175 for upkeep and repair is requested. These instruments may be checked out on a first come basis at PVPUSD Malaga Cove Administration Offices, 375 Via Almar, PVE, near the Curriculum Office at the following times:

Friday, August 31st, 3:30-5:00 P.M.

Tuesday, September 4th, 3:30–5:00 P.M.

Wednesday, September 5th, 3:30–5:00 P.M.

For additional information or questions about the District instruments, please e-mail: **Eitan Avineri**
 avinerie@pvpusd.net

How do I take care of my instrument??

Musical instruments are fragile and need to be handled with care. Your hands should always be clean before you pick up an instrument. Instruments need to be stored in cases when not being played. When you buy or rent your instrument, the vendor should advise you about special cleaning techniques.

Questions for the core music teachers?

Call your school and leave a message for the core music teacher.

Questions for the instrumental music teachers??

E-mail the **Block** instrumental music teacher listed **first** next to your school site below.

E-mail the **Ensemble** music teacher listed **second in bold** next to your school site below.

* Note: If there is only one teacher listed, that teacher teaches both block music and ensemble at that school.

School	Woodwinds	Brass	Strings
Cornerstone	amendr@pvpusd.net	hayes@pvpusd.net	wangj@pvpusd.net
Dapplegray	vonkleisth@pvpusd.net	avinerie@pvpusd.net	wangj@pvpusd.net
Lunada Bay	vonkleisth@pvpusd.net	avinerie@pvpusd.net	lewiswang@pvpusd.net
Mira Catalina	vonkleisth@pvpusd.net craigc@pvpusd.net	avinerie@pvpusd.net	wangj@pvpusd.net nardonem@pvpusd.net
Montemalaga	vonkleisth@pvpusd.net	avinerie@pvpusd.net	nardonem@pvpusd.net
Point Vicente	amendr@pvpusd.net	hayes@pvpusd.net	wangj@pvpusd.net larab@pvpusd.net
Rancho Vista	vonkleisth@pvpusd.net	avinerie@pvpusd.net	lewiswang@pvpusd.net
Silver Spur	vonkleisth@pvpusd.net	avinerie@pvpusd.net	gonzalesr@pvpusd.net
Soleado	perryw@pvpusd.net	hayes@pvpusd.net	wangj@pvpusd.net
Vista Grande	perryw@pvpusd.net	hayes@pvpusd.net	wangj@pvpusd.net nardonem@pvpusd.net