

Pike Place Elementary Instrumental Music

Mr. Daniel Behler, Band & Instrumental Music Director

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Thank you

for your
support
&
advocacy!

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 - PPSD Superintendent
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 - Pike Place Elementary School Principal
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Music Dept. Goals and Philosophy

Pike Place Elementary Music Department

Statement of Philosophy

"All students deserve equal access to an engaging, thorough, and comprehensive music education. In addition to their general music classes, said education should contain opportunities for further development in music, in both vocal and instrumental mediums. Through these outlets, we strive to aid in their expressive and creative growth, while simultaneously rounding out their overall education."

Instrumental Music Goals

- Provide all students with the opportunity to play a musical instrument
- Further students' musical knowledge through full ensemble rehearsals & performances
- Build students' technical abilities on their instruments in pullout lessons
 - All lesson times are scheduled in agreement with their wonderful classroom teachers!

Why learn an instrument? - Video



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sBQdH1e7204>

Why learn an instrument? - Stats

- **Achievement Increase:** "Students who have experience with music performance or appreciation score higher on the SAT. One report indicates 63 points higher on verbal and 44 points higher on math for students in music appreciation courses."
- **Empathy and Mental Health:** "Students of music can be more emotionally developed, with empathy towards other cultures They also tend to have higher self esteem and are better at coping with anxiety."
- **Teamwork & Collaboration:** "Many musical education programs require teamwork as part of a band or orchestra. In these groups, students will learn how to work together and build camaraderie."
- **Physical Benefits:** "Students who practice with musical instruments can improve their hand-eye coordination. Just like playing sports, children can develop motor skills when playing music."
- **Relaxation:** "Students can fight stress by learning to play music. Soothing music is especially helpful in helping kids relax."

Recent Instrumental Activities

General Instrument Petting Zoo

- Last month, students had the chance to interact with all the wind, string, and percussion instrumental options available to them during a special assembly

Instrument Preference Data Collection

- As part of their general music class, students learned about the instruments, and listed up to three instruments they'd be interested in playing
- An Instrument Timbre Preference Test will be taken by students in music class this month

Fourth and Fifth Grade School Concert

- Students attended a brief concert last week, featuring their older peers playing in the 4th and 5th Grade Bands and Orchestras

Upcoming Events and Dates!

- Fourth and Fifth Grade Spring Concert
 - All ensembles will perform their full sets in a public concert at 7pm on **April 22nd**
- **May 13th** - Selective Instrument Petting Safari
 - Based on their lists and timbre test results, interested students will be guided through the instruments they are considering playing
- **May 29th** - Deadline for registering for Fourth Grade Band/Orchestra
- **June 5th** - Deadline for Customizable Summer Lesson Registration
 - More information available upon request!
- **August 28th** - Start of Fourth Grade
- **December 17th** - Fourth and Fifth Grade Winter Concert

Instruments, Books, and Materials!

- Rental options provided by Menchey Music Service and Loser's Music
 - Menchey: 106 - 389 - 1466
 - Loser's: 106 - 433 - 1898
- If you already have access to an instrument, please bring it in for inspection!
- All books and accessories can be purchased through Mr. Beni and Mr. Behler, as well as through the cooperating music stores above!

Questions!

- Are there any questions or concerns?
- Future inquiries can be directed to:
 - Mr. Dan Behler, Band Director/Instrumental Supervisor: dbehler@ppsd.org
 - Mr. Shami Beni, Orchestra Director: sbeni@ppsd.org
- Individual appointments are welcome!

Thank you
for your
time!

WE LOOK
FORWARD TO
WORKING WITH
YOU AND YOUR
STUDENTS!