



# Lenape Elementary Band Program

Participation is open to all 5<sup>th</sup> grade students

**Teacher:** Mr. David Finch

**Lessons:** Instrumental students have one lesson a week in small group sessions with similar instruments. These lessons are rotated each week so students do not miss the same subject weekly. Students are responsible for being on time for their lesson, remembering their lesson and having all materials for their lesson.

**Band:** Once students have a basic foundation on their instrument, all students will assemble together starting in January. Students will rehearse concert band music to perform in a spring concert.

**Practice:** Students are required to practice at least 20 minutes a day 5 days a week for the beginning of the year then extend their practice time to 30 minutes a day 5 days a week. Students have a practice sheet and it must be signed by a Parent/Guardian every week. These are responsibilities of the student and requirements of the instrumental program.

**Instruments:** Instruments may be rented from any one of several music stores around the area. Those students that play French Horn, Baritone, Trombone and Tuba need only to bring their mouthpiece and materials to lessons. Tuba students will receive a Lenape instrument in the fall and do not have to rent. Lenape has a limited supply of instruments provided for those students whose families have financial difficulties and cannot afford to rent an instrument. Those families should contact the band director as soon as possible.

**Music:** Students are responsible for having the lesson book, “**Sound Innovations**” book one, of the student’s instrument. Band music will be provided by the school.

**Miscellaneous:** Students should have required accessories for their instrument, reeds (Rico size 2.5 work well) cork grease, valve oil, slide oil etc... Students are encouraged to get a music stand for home.

**Classroom Expectations:** Students in the band program must keep up with their classroom work. Homework must be completed regularly. There are no excuses for band students to be missing homework or classroom assignments. If students miss classroom work they are to make it up.