

# *South Pasadena 5th Grade Band*

Welcome to 5th grade band! Below is the schedule the students will follow, as well as some helpful hints. Please feel free to visit our website ([www.tigercubband.weebly.com](http://www.tigercubband.weebly.com)) or email me if you have any questions. My email is [kcoughlin@spusd.net](mailto:kcoughlin@spusd.net).

You will receive your method book and first assignment, watching the start-up video, during the week of September 5th. Lessons will start the week of September 12th.

## *Monday - AV    Tuesday - MHS    Wednesday - Marengo*

### Lesson Schedule for the first month of lessons

12:50 - 1:10	Flute
1:10 - 1:30	Clarinet
1:30 - 1:50	Percussion
1:50 - 2:10	Saxophone
2:10 - 2:30	Trombone
2:30 - 2:50	Trumpet

### Lesson Schedule starting October 10th

12:50 - 1:30	Flute/Percussion
1:30 - 2:10	Clarinet/Alto Saxophone
2:10 - 2:50	Trumpet/Trombone

## *Thursday - All Band Students* *(begins October 6th)*

12:45 - 1:15	Arroyo Vista
1:30 - 2:00	Marengo
2:15 - 2:45	Monterey Hills

The Rule: If there is a Monday, student free holiday, I will switch Arroyo Vista lessons to Thursday and each school will have one afternoon of lessons that week. AV would follow the regular Monday schedule on that Thursday. (No school would have Full Band that week.)

If a student forgets their instrument they should still attend the lesson.

I realize the students will be missing a small portion of their recess for our band lesson, but due to time constraints it is necessary to get all of our lessons in.

## *Concert Dates*

Each year we give three concerts. We need everyone to be there! We work hard all year to show off our skills as a musician - we want to hear YOU play!

This year's dates are:

Wednesday, December 14th

Wednesday, March 15th

Thursday, June 1st

More information regarding times will be distributed closer to the concert dates. Mark your calendars!

## *Band Website*

Please visit [www.tigercubband.weebly.com](http://www.tigercubband.weebly.com) often! Most, if not all, questions can be answered by first visiting the website. There is a calendar on the 5th grade page that details the weekly schedules as well as special events. Any past handouts will also be on the 5th grade band page. Please visit the website first before emailing.

## *Materials*

Please make sure your student has an instrument for their first lesson! You will need the items below when you rent your instrument. They can be purchased at any music store. In addition to the items below, it is a good idea to also purchase a folding music stand for use during home practice. (propping music up on their case/bedroom mirror/pillow/etc... often leads to practicing with bad posture, which inhibits breathing!)

- Clarinets and Saxophones will need a cleaning swab, cork grease and a **box of 10 reeds** to start the year. I suggest the brand VanDoren, size 2.
- Flutes should have a cleaning rod and cloth. (a men's handkerchief works great!)
- Brass players should have a bottle of valve oil (slide oil for trombones).
- Percussion will need a bell kit/practice pad/sticks/mallets

The three most important components to success are **parent support**, **regular lesson attendance with all materials**, and **practice at home**. Thank you for all of your support, I am looking forward to a great year of 5th grade band!

Kelly Coughlin  
Band Director  
kcoughlin@spusd.net  
www.tigercubband.weebly.com