

Spofford Pond Instrumental Program

Dear Fourth Grade Parents:

Your child finally has the opportunity to do what so many successful students have done before them, be a part of the Spofford Pond Band! Music education is more than just playing an instrument. It is immersing your child in a team of students who work together to create beautiful music. It will encourage and challenge your child to set goals, practice, build self-esteem, and express themselves, all while making friends and having fun.

Last Spring I visited every classroom to introduce the students to the Instrumental Program and shared a demonstration video with them. During the first week of school this year, there will be an assembly for all 4th grade students to learn more about each instrument and help them decide which one they may want to play this year. Parents will have their own informational session on Sept. 10th at 6:00pm at the Spofford Pond School, just prior to renting an instrument for your child. Below are some highlights of the program.

- 30 minute weekly small group lesson during school
- Two morning band rehearsals each week (starting in October for beginners) - NEW THIS YEAR!
- Two evening concert performances at Maconomet High School and one at Spofford Pond School

Now is the time to start your child in Instrumental Music at the Spofford Pond School. I can't promise that every child will be a musical prodigy, but I can promise they will learn, laugh and grow along the way to becoming a musician. Below are details of what each student will need to do to sign up for the Instrumental Music Program.

- A working instrument. Instruments can be rented from David French Music at Instrument Rental Night or order it before school starts at www.davidfrenchmusic.com and they will deliver it to school on rental night. It is highly recommended to rent the first year as repairs will be covered by the rental company.
- Tradition of Excellence, Book 1, by Bruce Pearson
- Fill out [registration form online](#) and [Memorandum of Understanding](#) online.
- The \$450 Band payment will be made through MySchoolBucks this year. The payment system is not quite up and running, but I will send out an email once it is ready. Any questions about special payment arrangements should be directed to Mrs. Amanda Sullivan, Principal of the Spofford Pond School, asullivan@boxfordschools.org
- If you should have any specific questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to email me at sphipp@boxfordschools.org. I look forward to making wonderful music this year at the Spofford Pond School.

Sincerely,

Sharon Phipps

Important Dates

Sept. 6	Band Instrument Assembly during school
Sept. 9	Instrument Enrollment Form and Fees due (send or mail to school along with the Memorandum of Understanding)
Sept. 10	New Parent Information (6:00pm) and Instrument Rental Meeting (6:30pm) @MASCO Cafeteria
Sept. 16	Instrumental Lessons Begin