

DEER CREEK INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Back to School Night

- Check our website out at www.deercreekmusic.com for the calendar, handbook, and lots of other info. PLEASE read the handbook on the website.
- ALL students can benefit from **private lessons**—from students that are brand new to their instrument to those that just want to sharpen skills and earn that first chair spot. Check out our website for private teachers.
- (6th GRADE ONLY) **Practice Charts** are due the first day every week that students have class. They must be signed by a parent to receive credit, and they are part of the work habits grade.
- **Playing Tests** are usually every 1-2 weeks depending on the ensemble. Students should practice in front of a family member to make sure they're prepared.
- **Concerts** are graded and mandatory—let me know ASAP if you have any conflicts.

IMPORTANT DATES 2024-2025

8/16	First Full day (Names, Lockers, Procedures, etc.)
8/19	BRING INSTRUMENTS TODAY!
10/TBA	Butter Braid Fundraiser
11/7	Fall Concert (ALL ensembles—Band, Jazz, Orchestra)
11/13	Orchestra Area Festival (7th and 8th grade orchestra students)
11/14	Band Area Festival (7th and 8th grade band students)
11/18	Jeffco Honor Band/Orch Auditions (Grades 7-8 only)
1/15	Jeffco Honor Band/Orch Sectional @ Creighton MS
1/17	Jeffco Honor Band/Orch Rehearsal/Concert @ West Bowles Church
2/TBA	Snap! Raise Online fundraiser
2/18	Jeffco Honor Jazz Band Auditions
2/19	DCMS Winter Concert (ALL ensembles—Band, Jazz, Orchestra)
4/22	Jeffco Honor Jazz Band Sectionals @ Creighton MS
4/23-24	Grand Junction Overnight Trip (All 7th and 8th Grade Students)
5/21	DCMS Spring Concert (ALL ensembles—Bands, Orchestras)

Supply list for Band and Orchestra

All students need:

- 25 sheet protectors (Binder and cover sheet provided in class)
- Instrument in proper working condition with accessories (rosin, valve oil, etc.)
- Pencils—LOTS of pencils.
- Metronome and Tuner (I recommend the Tonal Energy App, which contains both for \$3.99 and/or Snark Brand clip-on tuners for about \$16)

Band students:

Concert Band Level 1 (6th Grade Band):

Standard of Excellence Book 1 by Elledge, Pearson

Symphonic Band/Concert Band 2:

Foundations for Superior Performance by Williams/King

Orchestra students:

6th Grade Orchestra:

- Essential Elements 2000 for Strings Book 1 (Allen, Gillespie, Hays)

7th/8th Grade Orchestra:

- Habits of a successful Middle Level String Musician.

Accessories needed for ALL string musicians:

Extra set of strings, Shoulder rest (Not a sponge! This is very important), rosin, and cleaning cloth.