

**Suggestions on obtaining an instrument for your child:**

Families have a few different options when looking to obtain an instrument for their child. Many BES students use family owned instruments or instruments loaned to them by friends or relatives. This is certainly a cost effective option to consider. Instruments may also be obtained from any convenient source or rented from a reputable music dealer. Please try to obtain an instrument of good quality. Frequent repairs may cost you more in the long run and will be frustrating and discouraging to a young musician. Many inexpensive instruments now available at discount stores and on-line are of such poor quality that they break easily and are often impossible to repair. The Music Den, an instrument rental store that we partner with, conveniently delivers student rental instruments and equipment directly to our school. You are under no obligation to rent from this company. It is just one option for you. Feel free to contact Mrs. Bunce with any questions you may have.

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Blairstown Elementary School



*Instrumental Music*

Program Goals:

- Provide students the opportunity to express and develop their musical talents through playing an instrument.
- Help students develop self-discipline through individual practice.
- Encourage student teamwork and cooperation through participation in large group rehearsals.
- Provide students with performance opportunities that enable them to impact their community.

*BES Instrumental Music: "Make Music, Make Friends, Make Memories"*

## Instruments Offered

### Instruments Offered Grades 4, 5, and 6 Band:

- **Woodwinds:** Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Alto Saxophone, Tenor Saxophone
- **Brass:** Trumpet, Trombone, French Horn, Baritone Horn
- **Percussion:** Mallet Percussion (bells,) \*Drums—there is a limit of 5 drummers per ensemble. Drummers must undergo a selection process to demonstrate their suitability for playing this instrument.

### Instruments Offered Grade 6 Orchestra:

Violin, Viola, Cello, String Bass

## 4th Grade Band

- One small group lesson per 6 day cycle
- One large group band rehearsal per 6 day cycle
- Daytime concert in March of each school year

## 5th Grade Band 6th Grade Band

- One small group lesson per 6 day cycle
- Two large group band rehearsals per 6 day cycle
- Winter concert in December of each school year
- Spring concert in May or June of each school year



**Bandtastic!** Is our annual summer band camp which takes place for one week in July!

## 6th Grade Orchestra

- One small group lesson per 6 day cycle
- Two large group rehearsals per 6 day cycle
- Winter concert in December of each school year
- Spring concert in May or June of each school year