



The Piedmont Honor Band: Elementary Orff Ensemble

A NEW EXPERIENCE FOR ELEMENTARY MUSIC STUDENTS

The Piedmont Honor Band has provided a high quality musical experience to thousands of band students from dozens of middle schools across the piedmont area. We are now excited about a new program, the new Elementary Orff Ensemble!

This new Ensemble will be for 4th and 5th Graders. Students will work on some materials using barred Orff instruments, classroom percussion instruments, and recorders. There is no audition. Students are nominated by their music teacher. Below is a list of information.

About the Elementary Orff Ensemble:

- ♪ Any school, public, private or charter is invited to attend.
- ♪ Students are accepted on their music teacher's recommendation, so the pressure of an audition is removed, and teachers can recommend the students that they feel can benefit the most from this experience.
- ♪ This is a one day clinic on Saturday, March 28th. There will be rehearsals from 10:00 to 3:00 (with a lunch break), and a parent concert at 3:30.
- ♪ Students who are nominated should have classroom experience on barred Orff instruments, classroom percussion instruments, and been taught at least B, A, and G on their recorders.
- ♪ Students who make it into the Ensemble need to come with a Soprano Baroque Recorder.
- ♪ Teachers of the students who are in the Ensemble need to be at the clinic, and be ready to assist as needed.
- ♪ Music teachers will nominate any 4th or 5th Grader you think could benefit from being a part of this ensemble by making a list of students in the order they would like them to be accepted. There is a form for this that can be found on this website: <http://seannelson.homestead.com>
- ♪ As this is the first year for this Ensemble, it can't be said for sure whether every student will be accepted. Every effort will be made to take as many students as possible

The Piedmont Honor Band has established itself as a quality honor band experience for Middle and High School students, and we're confident that the Elementary Orff Ensemble will be a huge success. If you are interested in knowing more about the PHB, please visit my website at <http://seannelson.homestead.com/>

If you would like your music teacher to nominate you, please fill out the bottom part of this letter and return it to your school by _____. All registrations **MUST** be done by your music teacher. If you have any questions, you can email me directly at nelsons@davie.k12.nc.us or ask your music teacher.

Sean Nelson
Founder and Clinic Chairperson
Band Director, North Davie Middle School



I would like you to nominate me for the Piedmont Elementary Orff Ensemble!

Name: _____ Grade: _____ Class: _____

Parents:

- 1) Nominating your child comes with a commitment to them being there if they are chosen. Please check your family schedules to see if your child is available to March 28th and 27th before giving this form to your music teacher.
- 2) If your child is accepted, there is a \$20 fee for being in the band. This fee includes a T-Shirt and lunch.

Parent Signature
