

Kiddo! Music News

New Band Programs For 2009-2010

Band students at Mill Valley Middle School have some exciting new musical opportunities beginning in the 2009-2010 school year. Band Director Cayce Carnahan will offer several new programs and has revamped the existing band curriculum to include more musical diversity and opportunity for advancement. As always, it is thanks to your generous donations to Kiddo! that our students receive a well-rounded education rich in the arts. Read on for more information and feel free to contact Cayce Carnahan at ccarnahan@mvschools.org with any specific questions. Thank you!

MVMS Band
Junior Band
Cadet Band
Intermediate Band
Advanced Band:



Band is open to all MVMS students. Prior experience on an instrument is preferred, but not required to sign up for band. There are four bands at the middle school. Each band will play a variety of music including Jazz, Latin, Rock and Classical. We will also study music theory, history, and the fundamentals of playing an instrument. Each band will consist of various wind instruments, two percussionists, one bass player, one guitarist, and one or two pianists. The ability of the student and instrumentation of each ensemble will determine where a student is placed. There will be several performances throughout the school year, depending on the band that the student is placed in.

Drum Line
Intermediate 6th grade
Advanced 7th & 8th grade:



Drum Line is open to all students interested in learning to play a percussion instrument. Prior experience playing the drums or reading music is preferred, but not required. Students will learn to play a variety of percussion instruments, with a focus on the drum set. There will be three performances throughout the school year.

Music Lab

Music Lab is a music technology club that is offered M/W/F in the band room at lunch (maximum five students per lunch). Students can learn to record, compose, work on ear training, music history, or music theory. Students can sign up on the band room door in advance or drop-in if there is room available.



Jazz Combo Club

Jazz Combo Club is a performance club that focuses on learning to read chord changes and to develop fluency with improvising. Jazz Combo Club is offered every T/Th at lunch.

Guitar

Beginning/ Intermediate Guitar:
(beginning 2010-11 school year)

Guitar is open to all MVMS students with no or little experience playing the guitar. Advanced guitar students are encouraged to audition for one of the four bands (contact me at [ccarnahan@mvschools](mailto:ccarnahan@mvschools.org) to set up an audition). Students will learn to play chords, read sheet music, and will be given the opportunity to learn songs that are of interest to them. Students must provide their own six-string acoustic or electric guitar (and amps if they choose to play electric). There will be three performances throughout the school year.

