

"I think music in itself is healing. It's an explosive expression of humanity. It's something we are all touched by. No matter what culture we're from, everyone loves music."

Billy Joel

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QUESTIONS?
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Welcome back to school.

The music department will again be "humming" with activities. All students in grades K-6 receive instruction each week from a music specialist. Our General Music Specialist is Barbara Branchfield. She is new this year and joins us from Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Elizabeth Currey and Chris Stroh will provide an optional before school band instrumental program (4th,5th) at Kamiakin Middle School. Kim Merkley provides an optional before school orchestral strings program (4th,5th) at Juanita High School.

John Muir Music

All students are continually focusing on learning the basic elements of music such as rhythm, meter, melody, form, texture, and music controls. They have many opportunities to perform music for their peers, teachers, and parents. This could be in a concert or during their music class time.

Our curriculum includes listening, singing, playing games, reading, movement, and using instruments. Music comes from "classical," contemporary, historical, and multicultural sources. Many facets of music are also introduced such as ballet, opera, and orchestra. "Spotlight to Music" is the district adopted curriculum.

Barbara Branchfield	General Music Twice Weekly	Grades 1-5 (K-4 Times)
Chris Stroh	Band Before School	Grades 4-5 Before School
Kim Merkley	Orchestra	Grades 4-5 Before School

