

# Uke Can Do it!

Hello parents and students!

Our WES 5th graders have an exciting opportunity to learn a string instrument - the Ukulele! Here are a few details about what we will be doing together and other general information!

- There is a class set of instruments that will remain in the music room. Each student will be assigned a soprano ukulele that they will use every week. We are using the Kala MK-S Soprano Ukulele.
- It is easier to play ukulele with trimmed fingernails. Learning a new instrument is already a challenge, so make sure to keep fingernails trimmed as short as possible.
- A before-school Ukulele Club will start after Fall Break. Look out for more information soon! This club is first come, first serve due to the limited number of instruments we have available.
- No need for sizing! One size fits all!
- We'll explore many different cultures and genres of music through listening and practice.
- There will be opportunities for solo and ensemble experience.
- We will be strengthening our music theory skills.

One of the most important things to remember is practice makes perfect! Unfortunately we don't have instruments to check out for home practice, but we will have opportunities for extra practice before and after-school, and during recess. Each class will have designated dates to attend extra/optional practice sessions.

## Optional Practice Schedule

Baker - September 26, 28; October 3, 5, 24

O'Neill - October 26, 31; November 2, 7, 9

Warner - November 14, 16, 21, 28, 30

TEAM - December 5, 7, 12, 14, 19

## Optional Practice Times

	Monday	Wednesday
AM	8:10am-8:45am	unavailable
Recess	1:30pm-1:50pm	1:35pm-1:50pm
PM	3:45pm-4:15pm	unavailable

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## Optional Instrument Purchase

If you wish to purchase an instrument for home use please fill out the following form. Please return this form to Mrs. Eason by Friday, October 7th with your payment of \$50. This amount covers the cost of the instrument and a soft instrument case.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Color (circle one): Red / Orange / Yellow / Green

Blue / Pink / Black / White