

# Music Music Music

**All fourth and fifth grade students are invited and encouraged to enter into the adventure of our elementary music performance programs!**

While a growing number of districts have chosen to eliminate arts programs, BUSD gives our students the priceless gift of protecting and promoting these programs, which are vital to the development of every child. Bonita Unified has a reputation of excellence in both instrumental and choral music programs.

Rehearsals for both Chorus and Beginning Band are held at each campus on their compact day.

**Transportation afterward is NOT provided.**

Please make arrangements to have your child picked up promptly after Chorus or Band rehearsals.

**Chorus and Beginning Band are open to ALL 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students.**

## **Chorus**

Honor Choir will be chosen from school chorus members. Beginning band members who wish to audition for honor choir must make special arrangements with Ms. Brightbill.

## **Beginning Band**

Students will receive information about how and where to rent instruments and buy supplies for band on the first day of class. Students do not need to bring instruments to class on the first day.

### **Rehearsal start dates:**

#### **Allen Ave**

Monday, Sept 20<sup>th</sup>

#### **Ekstrand**

Tuesday Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>

#### **Gladstone**

Wednesday Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>

#### **Roynon**

Thursday, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>

## **REGISTER ONLINE!**

Go to **[sing4alifetime.com](http://sing4alifetime.com)** and click on “Chorus/Band Registration”  
Chromebooks are available in the school office to register if you don’t have home access.

## **MANDATORY CONCERT DATES**

### **Chorus**

December 15, 2021

May 10, 2022

### **Beginning Band**

February 1, 2022

May 3, 2022

*We Are Looking Forward to Making Music Together!*

#### **Heidi Brightbill**

Chorus / Honor Choir  
Classroom Music

[www.sing4alifetime.com](http://www.sing4alifetime.com)

#### **Kelly Leyva**

Beginning Band

Lone Hill MS Band Director

[www.lonehillband.wordpress.com](http://www.lonehillband.wordpress.com)

#### **Andy Mainiero**

Honor Band

**Honor Choirs & Honor Band are selected by audition, see reverse for more information.**

# BUSD ELEMENTARY HONOR GROUPS

## “Super Sound” Honor Band

The Elementary Honor Bands are made up of advanced band students (students who have learned to play an instrument in beginning band). Students will be chosen for Honor Band by audition. The audition will consist of basic notes and rhythms. The number of students able to participate in honor band is not limited. All who pass the audition can participate in the group.

The **Super Sound Honor Band** will meet in the **Lone Hill Middle School** band room on **Wednesdays from 3:45-4:50 p.m.**

Busing will not be provided. Parents, please make sure to arrange for transportation to and from the rehearsal. Students will need to be picked up on time at 4:50 p.m.

## “Descant “ & “Music in Motion” Honor Choirs

Honor choirs are auditioned groups drawn from four elementary choruses. “**Music in Motion**” and “**Descant**” directed by Heidi Brightbill, draw from Roynon, Gladstone, Allen and Ekstrand. “**Descant**” is a fifth grade honor choir that meets from September through December. “**Music in Motion**” is a fourth and fifth grade honor choirs that meets January through May. Honor choirs enhance and expand the vocal music experience established in school chorus by focusing on vocal techniques, challenging music, and choreography. The honor choirs perform at local sports games, district events, and Knott’s Berry Farm in addition to performing with their school choruses at the BCA.

Descant 5<sup>th</sup> graders audition by learning a song, and identifying notes and rhythms. All singers are chosen on the basis of ability, musical knowledge, and behavior skills exhibited in school chorus and in the classroom. Careful consideration is given to creating well-balanced groups. The selection process for Music In Motion is ongoing throughout the fall in chorus rehearsals and classroom music classes. Because students are drawn from four different sites only a select number of students can be selected from each school. Behavior and performance standards are set high.

Honor Choir members must also participate in their own school chorus because Honor Choir performances may include music selections from Chorus. Beginning Band students who wish to audition for and participate in Honor Choir must make special arrangements with the Honor Choir Director and attend the last 20 minutes of weekly school rehearsals (Band ends earlier than chorus).

**FALL:** “**Descant**” rehearsals - Tuesdays from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. at Ekstrand Elementary School.

**SPRING:** “**Music in Motion**” rehearsals - Tuesdays from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. at Ekstrand Elementary School.

### Audition Dates

1:00pm (1:15 @ Roynon)

September 13<sup>th</sup> Allen Descant & Honor Band  
September 14<sup>th</sup> Ekstrand Descant & Honor Band  
September 15<sup>th</sup> Gladstone Descant & Honor Band  
September 16<sup>th</sup> Roynon Descant & Honor Band

### 1<sup>st</sup> Honor Ensemble rehearsals

For those chosen after audition

Tuesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> ... *Descant*...  
Wednesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> ... *Super Sound* ...  
Tuesday, January 11<sup>th</sup> ... *Music In Motion* ...

Any additional performance dates and information will be listed in acceptance letters. Parents must arrange for transportation to and from rehearsals. Carpools are encouraged.