**Parkridge Elementary  
5th-8th Grade Band Suggested Supply  
List  
2024-2025**

**For ALL band students:**

* Rent a good-quality instrument. Instruments made of non-standard colors are not  
  good-quality instruments. Contact Mrs. Melkin for brand suggestions!
* all necessary instrument accessories (will be specified in the band handbook)
* a pencil to keep in your instrument case
* for your music:
* Tradition of Excellence, Book 1, by Bruce Pearson and Ryan Nowlin, for your  
  instrument (for all 5th and 6th grade band students)
* a 1” binder (for all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade band students)  
  All Flute Players:
* a cleaning rod (no “Padsavers” allowed!)
* a small thin, cloth

**All Clarinet Players:**

* a box of TEN reeds (brand Rico, Rico Royal, or VanDoren)
* 5th and 6th graders: strength 2 ½
* 7th and 8th graders: strength 3
* a reed case
* a thin swab (no “Padsavers” allowed!)
* cork grease  
  All Saxophone Players:
* a box of TEN reeds (brand Rico, Rico Royal, or VanDoren), strength 2 ½
* a reed case
* a swab (no “Padsavers” allowed!)
* a neck strap

**All Trumpet, Baritone, and Tuba Players:**

* valve oil (brand Al Cass or Blue Juice)
* an old, clean washcloth  
  All Horn Players:
* rotor oil
* an old, clean washcloth  
  All Trombone Players:
* slide cream (brand Trombotine)
* an old, clean washcloth
* a small spray bottle  
  All Percussion:
* a drum pad
* Vic Firth 7a/5a sticks, or comparable brand