



## 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade



# Hayfield Elementary Music

Welcome to a wonderful year of music! My name is Liz Fjerstad and I am thrilled to be your child's music teacher! The kids at HES are fortunate to have a wealth of musical opportunities here at school. 4<sup>th</sup> grade has music class every day for 20 minutes and 5<sup>th</sup> grade has it 4 times each week. There are concerts in December and April, and a variety of other musical possibilities throughout the year.

Your child is important to me. As the year goes on, please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns you may have. Teaching over 300 students a day is such a blessing, but it also means that I don't always get a chance to tell you how wonderful your children are. Always assume that "no news is good news" and know that I will reach out to you if any problems arise. I truly believe that there are no bad kids and will do all that I can to make music class a place where all children belong!

Please check out my teacher website on the district home page. Here you will find a link to "Mrs. Fjerstad's Online Music Time". This site contains information about our HES music program, along with other music resources, videos, and websites for your child to explore. <https://fjersli.wixsite.com/liz-fjerstad>

Here is some other information about our school year that may be helpful:

### Music Classroom Expectations:

1. Sing
2. Play
3. Move
4. Listen
5. Create
6. Care for all people and things around us



**4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grading in HES Music:** Students are graded quarterly based on rehearsal technique and age-appropriate understanding of the Minnesota Music Standards. Grades are given by percentage and can be viewed on JMC. (A = 90-100%; B = 80-89%; C = 70-79%; D = 60-69%; F = 0-59%).

**Minnesota Music Standards:**

1. Foundations (pitch, rhythm, expression, tone color, form, etc.)
2. Create
3. Respond
4. Listen
5. Connect

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade Recorders:**

In January, all Hayfield Elementary 4th grade students will be playing the recorder in music class! We use the Peripole Baroque Soprano Halo Recorder.

If you have this recorder at home, your child does not need to order a new one (This is same one we've use for the past 5+ years. It is brown and has a gold or silver ring under the mouthpiece.).

If you do not have this recorder, you may purchase one in January via JMC. The recorder comes with a case, cleaning rod, neck hanger, and fingering chart. With shipping and handling, the total cost is \$8. (Let Mrs. Fjerstad know if you are in need of financial assistance for this, as scholarships may be available.) More information about our recorder unit will be sent out later.



**Voices of Vikings Choir:**

All 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students are invited to participate in Hayfield Elementary's choir, "Voices of Vikings". [Sign up here or look for an email from Mrs. Fjerstad with performance dates and more information.](#)



## **Hayfield Viking Players Spring Musical:**

All students in grades 4-12 are invited to take part in the spring musical on March 26<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>. Auditions take place in December. Information will be sent out via JMC at a later date.

## **Dates to Remember:**

**Voices of Vikings** (4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade choir) sings at the Varsity Volleyball game on Monday, October 13, 2025 at 7:15 p.m. and at the Boys' Varsity Basketball Game on Tuesday, January 26, 2026 at 7:15 p.m. All are welcome to attend!

**Veterans' Day Ceremony** on Tuesday, November 11th in the High School West Gym (time to be determined). K-5 students will sing the national anthem and a song for our veterans. All are welcome to attend!

**K-5 Holiday Concert** on Thursday, December 4, 2025 in the High School Gymnasium. K-2 perform at 6:00 p.m. and 3-5 perform at 6:45 p.m. All are welcome to attend!

**K-5 Spring Concert** on Thursday, April 9, 2026 in the High School Gymnasium. K-2 perform at 6:00 p.m. and 3-5 perform at 6:45 p.m. All are welcome to attend!

Sing, play, and have a great day!

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