

Performance Opportunities include:

- Concerts at the school and various performance venues in Medicine Hat
- Performances in the District Telethon
- Performances in music festivals
- Performances for our feeder schools
- Performances with professional musicians and conductors".



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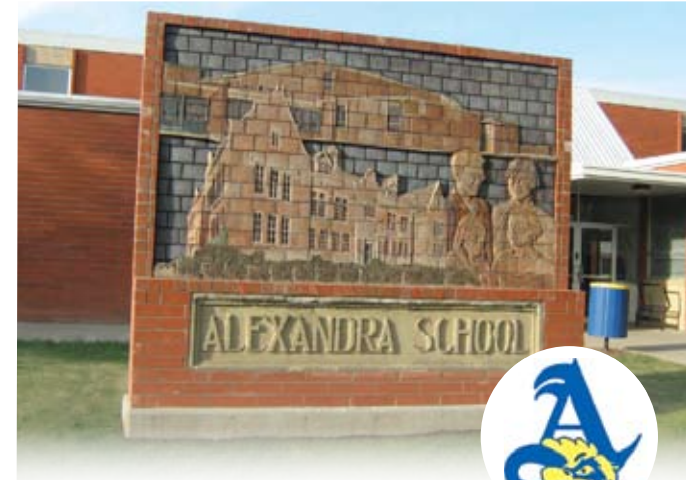
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**BAND
PROGRAM**

*Music expresses that which cannot be said
and on which it is impossible to be silent*



Medicine Hat School District No. 76
"Where Kids Count"

Learn how to make beautiful Music



Students discover the world of instrumental music...

Alexandra offers Grade Seven and Eight Band as full-year classes which allows students band every other day all year long.

For a small fee, Grade Seven beginning students are supplied with a high-quality, full-sized orchestral wind or percussion instrument chosen from the following: flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, horn, trombone, euphonium, tuba or percussion. They are guided through the basics of learning to play this instrument.

In Grade Eight Band, students are encouraged to purchase an instrument and continue their band studies into high school. Both Medicine Hat High School and Crescent Heights High School offer band right through Grade 12.

Anyone can try band...

No experience is required to take band...all you need to know is what you have already learned in elementary. If you have any interest in music performance, you are encouraged to take band. You do not have to have played other instruments or taken lessons somewhere else...we start you out with the basics of playing. However, if you have taken lessons, you are still encouraged to try a different instrument in band, and get the experience of performing with a large group.

Participation is key...

Students who take Grade Seven Band are encouraged to perform several times in the course of the year. Rehearsals are performance oriented, with students learning the basics, then playing concerts during the school year.

At the beginning of the year, the director helps the students choose an instrument. Both through demonstration and experimentation, students will end up with an instrument that they will be successful with, and give us a fully instrumented group. Though not everyone always gets their first choice of instrument, everyone ends up happy and contributing to the group. Finally, if you have a band instrument at home you would like to play, please bring it and use it at the school. We encourage students to supply their own instruments – it offers more choices to the rest of the students.

The Band Program at AMS is a very strong one, with over one hundred students involved each year. We encourage all of you to consider making band part of your middle school experience at Alexandra Middle School.

