

October 23, 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians of Beginner Band Members:

Happy fall! I hope you are doing well and you are enjoying the progress of your beginner band students! They are all working very hard and moving along nicely. We will be working out of the lesson book by the end of the month, so if you have not yet purchased Essential Elements Book 1, please make arrangements to get the book for your child in the next week or two.

In preparation for our first performance on December 6, I'd like to invite some audience participation! If you or someone else in your household also plays a band instrument, we would love to have you join us on a couple of holiday songs. The fifth graders are preparing very nice accompaniment parts to songs such as "Away in the Manger" and "Deck the Halls", but we are in need of some more advanced players to add the melody. If someone in your family is interested in participating, please feel out the form below. I'm always telling the students that making music is something they can do for the rest of their lives - please help me show them what that looks like!!

Reminders:

*There will be one morning rehearsal in preparation for our concert on Tuesday, Dec. 4, from 7:50-9:00 am. Students should enter through the front doors and report to the stage. They will not be marked tardy.

*The 5th grade band will be performing here at CWL on Thursday, December 6 at 7:00 pm. They will be performing along with the elementary orchestra ensembles for a nice evening of holiday music. There is no charge for this event and it will last about an hour. Please invite family and friends!

Please return to Mrs. Stephens.

Yes! I would like to play along with the Beginner Band on a few songs on December 6!

Name(s): _____

Instrument(s): _____

I will send home music and additional information with your 5th grader! Thank you!!