2017-2018 School Year
Gr. 4-6 Extracurricular Elementary Band at Cliff Drive

Extracurricular Elementary Band is being offered again next school year! The band program will be run again by **Karen Nakajima** (karen.nakajima@gmail.com), a young and enthusiastic musician/music educator in Delta.

The benefits of playing in a band are documented by many studies. These studies have invariably discovered that playing music at school is a prime way to engage students in their schooling with greater success in school. Band not only teaches music reading, instrument technique, and performance skills, but it also teaches self-motivation, self-confidence, and the value of teamwork.

Students can sign up for one of the following groups and have instruction once per week, beginning early October to early June.

Advanced Band (for students with 1 or more years experience): **Wednesdays 7:45-8:45am**
Beginner Band (for students with no previous experience): **Tuesdays 7:45-8:45am**

Joining Elementary Band in the fall indicates a commitment to stay the full school year. Refunds are not issued. An enrollment of 15 children is needed to run the class. Please impress upon your child that a full school year's effort is required in order to assess his/her ability and interest in band. The fee to join the program is **$300** for the school year. **Monthly payments of $30** from Sept. - June are also a payment option. For this option, please bring in post-dated cheques for the 1st of each month. **Please attach cheque(s) to registration form in an envelope with your child's name, or bring payment to the rental night. Make cheque(s) payable to Karen Nakajima.**

Your child will require an instrument. If using a family instrument, please have it professionally serviced prior to the first lesson by a reputable instrument repairman**. A poor quality instrument will hinder or even prevent progress**. Excellent rental instruments are available from many stores at very reasonable prices (e.g. Long & McQuade, Tapestry Music, Tom Lee Music).

The instruments we use in elementary band are flute, oboe, clarinet, alto or tenor saxophone, trumpet, French horn, trombone, baritone, snare drum, bells, and electric bass. **NB: some of these instruments are very large for young children, so please check with Ms. Nakajima before choosing saxophone, trombone, electric bass. Choosing a different band instrument to learn first might be recommended. Oboe and French horn are the most difficult instruments and should only be chosen by advanced students who would like to switch to those instruments.**

INSTRUMENT RENTAL NIGHT: For your convenience, Tapestry Music personnel (https://www.tapestrymusic.com/) will be setting up shop and offering instrument rentals to all families **at 6pm on October 2, in the Cliff Drive Elementary gymnasium.** Parents can rent an instrument, obtain the book and a music stand, and meet Ms. Nakajima that evening. If you can't make it to the rental night, then you are able to rent online at www.tapestrymusic.com

The approximate monthly rental price range of the instruments (at Tapestry for example) is:

- Flute, Clarinet, Trumpet, Trombone, Snare Drum, Bell Kit, Electric Bass & Amp - $11-25 per month
- Alto Sax, Tenor Sax, Baritone - $25-60 per month
- Oboe, French Horn - $55-75 per month

In addition: All children must purchase the method book, Essential Elements 2000 Book 1 (approx. $15.00); Clarinet players and Saxophone players need to also purchase a box of ten #2 reeds (alto sax reeds cost about $25 per box, Clarinet reeds about $18). These should last for the whole year. And, we recommend all children purchase a music stand at a cost of about $15 for home practice.

Please complete the form below, and hand in to the office to Ms.Chapman.

Elementary Band Opportunity 2017-18

Please detach and complete this form and return it to the office on or prior to Friday Sept. 29

Name of child _____ Home Phone No. _____

Grade _____ Level of Band (circle one): Beginner Advanced

I will rent an instrument____ **I have an instrument already _____**

Name of Parent(s)/Guardian – please print first and last names

_____(mother) _____(father)

Parent Email Address (used for all correspondence) _____

Circle the instrument your child plans to play:

Flute Clarinet Alto sax Tenor sax Trumpet Trombone Baritone Snare Drum Bells Electric bass Oboe French horn