

ROGERS ELEMENTARY

5TH GRADE BEGINNING BAND

To: Potential Beginning Band Students & Parents:

Fifth grade is the year where students have the opportunity to receive instruction on band instruments. Small group lessons and group band are offered on flute, oboe, clarinet, saxophone (alto or tenor), trumpet, horn, trombone, baritone/euphonium, tuba, and percussion (drums & bells).

A quality instrument is essential for a successful band experience! If you have a used instrument, please ask the representative from Kidder Music or myself to look it over to make sure it is in good playing condition. If you plan to rent or buy a new instrument, make sure it is a quality instrument from a reputable music store. If you have any questions about which store to contact, please ask. Also, be cautious about instruments sold on eBay. Please remember an instrument of poor quality will be more difficult for your child to learn to play and may likely result in more repair bills in the future.

******Our second band demo will be on Wednesday, September 6 from 6:00-7:30 in the GMS Band Room.** Greg King, from Kidder Music, will be present with instruments to rent or buy and will explain the payment options.

Students had the opportunity last spring to look over and play the different instruments. When making an instrument recommendation to your child, we consider the following: facial structure, physical size, musical aptitude, coordination, academic achievement, student's personal preference, and a balanced instrumentation.

****Lessons will begin during the week of **September 18th**. Band students should have, or have purchased, the required material (instrument, *Essential Elements for Band (Book 1)*, cleaning kit, music stand (opt.) by this time.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at GMS. Ph# 382-3456

We are looking forward to a wonderful beginning band this year!!!

Mr. Woods

GMS Band Director
RES Band Director

Mrs. Woods

RES Music Teacher
RES Band Director

