

Beginning Band Introduction Night

Please keep this form for your information.

When: Thursday, May 17th

Time: 6pm-8pm

Where: Meadowbrook Intermediate Gym

Who: Any current 4th grade student interested in being in band in 5th grade

Why: To explain all aspects of the Meadowbrook band program, introduce your child to the instruments, and to assist in renting an instrument from Halpin Music Co.

What will this night consist of?

At 6:00pm, I will start the evening by discussing what beginning band involves. Joining band is a commitment your child will have to make for the entire year! Encourage them to do it, but remind them that it is new and different and every thing you choose to do creates a challenge in some way! That's okay - it makes them a stronger person!

This rest of the night will be similar to an "petting zoo." When you and your child come to the Meadowbrook gym, there will be a sign in table. At this sign in table, you will fill out a Student Information Form which has also been handed out to your child during class - if you already turned in this form to me, it will be waiting for you at the table. You and your child should fill out the top portion of the sheet if you haven't already - this will tell us a little bit about what your child wants to play. Do NOT fill out the bottom or back - as you walk around the room and your child tries out certain instruments, the instructors at the various tables will fill out this sheet for your child!

Around the gym, there will be tables that will have all the instruments on them. Feel free to take a walk around and talk to the people at these tables - these people are band directors and students from around the area who play that instrument. They will talk a bit about the instrument and maybe give your child a little bit of a free mini lesson!

You will visit my table at the end and we will decide what instrument your child will go with and then you will visit the instrument table to receive the instrument. No one will be taking instruments home on this evening. They will either be handed out at the Beginning Band Camp (information found on the Beginning Band Camp brochure) or when school starts in the fall if you decide to not go to this camp.

What instruments do you offer to 5th grade band students?

We offer the following instruments to our beginning band students:

Flute

Trumpet

Clarinet

Baritone

Alto Saxophone*

Trombone

Percussion*

* Auditions for these instruments will be required to limit the number of students on these instruments.

If you cannot make it to this night and your child wants to sign up for band, please email mdavis@bethalto.org

Musically Yours,
Michaela Davis