**East Providence Elementary Instrumental Music Program**

**Website URL: https://epelementarybands.weebly.com/**

Dear 5th Graders & Parents,

 My name is Miss Carpenter and I am the Elementary Instrumental Music Teacher. I’m writing to you in regards to our new beginning band program.

 Music is an essential subject area to explore at all grade levels. Participating in music teaches students discipline, provides a sense of accomplishment, allows for a creative outlet, and most importantly is FUN!

5th grade students will be provided the opportunity to participate in beginning band. These are the following areas of study that will be addressed throughout the school year:

1. Reading Music Notation
2. Reading notes in treble and bass clef
3. Reading note values (eighth notes, quarter notes, half notes, whole notes)
4. Performing using music notation
5. Instruments (Flute, Clarinet, Trumpet, Trombone)
6. Set up/breakdown
7. Care
8. Holding Position
9. Posture
10. Breathing
11. Embouchure
12. Sound production
13. Fingerings/Slide positions

**Do I qualify for Band?**

 After I receive interest forms from 5th graders interested in band, I will consult with 5th grade classroom teachers and general music teachers regarding overall student academic performance and behavior. The students that qualify will be added to the official 2018-2019 5th grade band roster.

**Rules and Expectations**

 If approved to join 5th grade band, all students must abide by the following rules…

1. Be prepared with instrument and method book at every rehearsal
2. Always put forth 100% effort
3. Be respectful of both teacher and peers
4. Good academic standing

Students who do not follow the rules listed above will be sent back to their 5th grade classroom during band rehearsal. Each student will be provided with three strikes. If a student receives three strikes, they will no longer be able to participate in band.

The Principal, Miss Carpenter, and 5th grade classroom teachers are all able to remove a student at any point throughout the school year.

**Choosing an Instrument**

 5th Grade students who participate in band will be fitted to the instrument most appropriate for them. Students will pick their 1st and 2nd choice of instrument. I will make a recommendation based off of the information provided by students and the overall instrumentation of the band. We wouldn’t want a band full of trumpets and no flutes! A balance of instruments is essential to have.



**The Rental Program**

Through Rick’s Musical Instruments, students are able to rent their own instruments at a reasonable cost. If a student chooses to continue in band, these rental payments will go towards the price of the instrument. The method book, Essential Elements, can be purchased at Rick’s Musical Instruments as well.

**Instrument Rental Night (TBA):** Once all registration forms have been received, I will notify parents and students when rental night is scheduled. Rental night will take place in September.

**Performance**

 All students will participate in an end of the year concert. During this concert, students will take the audience members through a year of band, starting by displaying the first concepts ever taught and end by showcasing what they have learned through musical performance.

**Performance Dress Code**

Boys: White button down shirt, black dress pants, black socks, black dress shoes

 Girls: White button down shirt, black dress pants or skirt, black tights, black dress shoes. Girls may wear black dresses if more convenient.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions. I look forward to working with the 5th Grade students!

Sincerely,

Miss Carpenter

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**5th Grade Band Registration Form**

Please return this form to Ms. Carpenter by **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number(s): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

5th grade teacher’s name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1st choice of instrument: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2nd choice of instrument: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Pick one of the following:**

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to take part in the rental program

\_\_\_\_\_ I own my own instrument (must be flute, clarinet, trumpet, or trombone)

If so, what is your instrument’s make/model?

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