

Dear 5th Grade Students and Families,

This week your 5th grade child watched a band demonstration concert and was asked to consider joining Band. The Forestview Band program is known for producing high quality music and kids have a lot of fun along the way! Our philosophy is that every student is important and we strive to provide an enriching and fun activity to challenge each of our students.

To join the band, parents should go online to schedule a “band screening” at a time that it works for **at least one parent to attend with the child**. A band screening is a time when your child will get a chance to make sounds with the help of a band director on all of the band instruments to see which instruments work best for them.

Band Screenings are taking place from April 1-May 29. We use times during the school day as well as before and after school times. **Online appointments can be made at www.brainerdmusic.org on the home page. Look for “Beginning Band Screening Appointments”** or click the direct link at the bottom of this page.

The appointment lasts less than 30 minutes. If you do not have computer internet access or a smartphone, or if you can not find a time that works for you to attend, please call us.

At the end of the screening your child will have chosen an instrument and we will discuss with the parents what your options for renting, buying, or borrowing an instrument are. We have a very limited number of school instruments that are free of charge.

Please realize that this is the only chance to join band! Starting band in a later grade is extremely difficult to catch up. The band directors will explain more about the band schedule and answer questions with the parents at the band screening.

If your child is interested in Band, please **go online and register for a band screening appointment as soon as possible**. If you have any questions, please call either band director at the numbers listed below.

Thank you,

Chuck Carlson (454-6083) and Jessica Moats (454-6082)

To schedule a band screening go to www.BrainerdMusic.org and look for the beginning band screening appointments.

Join the Band!!

-Band is FUN!! You can learn to play the Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Baritone, Tuba or Percussion.

-No experience is needed. We teach you how to read music and play the instrument that you choose.

-Band is during the school day and during a designated band class time. You will not miss out on regular instructional classroom time or any recess time.

-You can be in Band and also be in Choir or Orchestra.

-Band does not conflict with any sports or other activities.

-Band Lessons are during school and are FREE!!

-Instruments can be rented/purchased locally for \$25-\$30 per month (saxophones are \$50).

-We perform at 2 concerts each year, one in the winter and one in May.

-We always play fun music and sound great so you will be proud to be a part of the band!!

