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Dear Parents/Guardians of a 4th Grade Band Student:

During the month of June your third-grade child had the opportunity to try out several musical instruments that were of interest to him or her. We are pleased to invite your child to be enrolled in the Band Music Program for the 2022/2023 school year.

On behalf of the elementary instrumental music teaching staff, I welcome you to the program!

While the opening of school is still a few weeks away, it is not too early to make arrangements for the rental of a musical instrument. During this time of year, rental companies will have their inventories of rental instruments in ample supply and in peak condition.

In addition to an instrument, a lesson book will also be required. The lesson book used district wide for all instruments is **Accent on Achievement**. Percussionists (drummers), should get the **Combined Percussion Book** of this series.

Students who will be studying the clarinet and the saxophone are urged to purchase three #2.5 sized reeds for their instrument to start the year.

In selecting a music store, please be aware that not all stores offer the same quality of instruments or services. It would be in your child's best interest to compare stores for price, the repair policy of their rented instruments, and the brands of instruments they supply. Please be aware that a good quality, well maintained instrument is a must for beginning players. Please do not let your child be attracted to colorful instruments as they are often made of poor quality.

If you wish any assistance in this matter, please feel free to call me at the above listed number.

Very truly yours,

Dr. Diana Cook

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