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Dear Parents/Guardians of a 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Student:

On behalf of the elementary band music teaching staff, I welcome you back to the band 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, lesson books will also be required. Your child should already have the book Accent on Achievement. Percussionist should already have the Combined Percussion Book of this series. Clarinet and saxophone players are reminded to purchase five 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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