



Country Meadows Band
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Dear Country Meadows 4th Grade Parents:

Next year as a 5th grader, your son or daughter will have the opportunity to **play in the school's Beginning Band**. Band is a unique environment where students will develop concentration, coordination, discipline, teamwork, organization, and social skills. Not only that, band is a lot of fun! Making music and listening to music with a critical ear can be a meaningful and enjoyable experience for your child's school years and beyond.

The following is an overview of what 4th graders and their families will experience before the end of this school year:

- All students learn about the instruments of the band and how our band works during an in school assembly on **Monday, May 6**.
- All students try out those instruments during school on **Friday, May 10**, with the goal being to find out what "fits" and what doesn't. Students go home that day with a good idea of which instrument they would like to play, should they decide to join the band.
- There is a **parent meeting on Monday, May 20** at 7:00 p.m. in the Woodlawn band room for all parents interested in knowing more about the program. This meeting will provide details on all aspects of the band, as well as tips for renting or purchasing an instrument. The meeting will last about 30 minutes.
- **Information can also be found on the [Beginning Band Website](#)** (click or type tinyurl.com/bandcmk)
- Band registration night for the entire school district will be **Wednesday, May 22** at Woodlawn Middle School. Stop by any time between 4:30 and 7:30. Parents will sign up their child for band that night. You will also have the opportunity to speak with Music and Arts music store about instrument rental options, and rent an instrument if needed (bring your credit card and one form of ID). It may be helpful to browse their website ahead of time: www.musicarts.com/rentals
- Band lessons with Mr. Craw will begin the week of August 19.

I am looking forward to another great band at Country Meadows next year! If you have any questions along the way, please feel free to call or email.

Sincerely,
Chad Craw