

September 5, 2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the new school year at Griffin Elementary School! Band is offered to **Fourth and Fifth** grade students. Band begins on Thursday, September 12, 2019. Band will meet after school on Thursdays, and Fridays from 2 PM to 3 PM in the music room. Band is offered from the months of September to May. There will be no band on Early Release days or Teacher Planning Days. We will have two band concerts this year. One in January and one in May. Students will need to wear black pants and a white button-down or polo shirt with a collar for our band concert attire.

Band students will need to rent or purchase an instrument to participate in band. Instruments can be rented at area band stores (please see the the attached list of local band stores with their addresses and phone numbers). **Instruments in our band are flute, Bb clarinet, alto saxophone, Bb trumpet, and Percussion (drums). Percussion (drums) are only offered to fifth grade students.** Percussion students need to be aware that all of them might not play the drums for every song but other percussion instruments as well.

Band students will need to leave their band instruments with them in their classrooms while they are in school. Students cannot leave their instruments overnight on school property. Griffin aftercare students will need to report to their aftercare area for attendance **before** coming to band. This year, band students will need to purchase one book: **The Standard of Excellence Band Book One**, which has a red cover. Please write your child's name on the front cover of their band book.

Band students will need the following:

Flute: flute, cleaning rod, "The Standard Of Excellence Band Book One," for Flute with interactive practice cd.

Bb Clarinet: Bb clarinet, clarinet swab, **a box** of size two reeds(beginner clarinets use a lot of reeds), cork grease, " The Standard of Excellence Band Book One," for clarinet with interactive practice cd.

Alto Saxophone: alto saxophone, saxophone swab, **one box** of size two reeds, cork grease, and "The Standard of Excellence Band Book One," for saxophone with interactive practice cd.

Bb Trumpet: Bb trumpet, valve oil, "The Standard of Excellence Band Book

One,” for Bb trumpet with interactive practice cd.

Percussion: Percussion/Drums:

Drum kit or drum set, drum sticks size 2B, “The Standard of Excellence Book One”, for percussion with interactive practice cd, and a rubber practice pad to mute the snare drum sound.

Below is a list of band stores with band instrument rental plans.

All County Music
Tamarac, FL
(954)722-3424

Music Arts Enterprises
Davie, FL
(954)581-2203

Sam Ash Music
Margate, FL
(954)975-3390

Music Education Center
Weston, (954)349-3511
Hollywood, (954)966-0911

I welcome any parents who would like to volunteer to help during band practices. No musical background is required. If you and your child are interested in participating in band this year, please sign them up by filling out the attached permission slip and return it to Mrs. Palmer before the first day of band. If you have any questions please send an email to me at Sally.palmer@browardschools.com . **Come Join The Band!**

Sally Palmer

BAND CLUB EXPECTATIONS

1. **Common Goals-** The common goal of the band is to prepare students for middle school band through teamwork and self-discipline for a lifetime of enjoyment.
2. **Team work-** Each student must understand that he/she is an important part of the band group and without cooperation and support from the entire group, the group as a whole is not as strong.
3. **Self Discipline-**Each student must understand that he/she is responsible for his/her own behavior. The classroom rules and consequences are the same in after school band as they are in the classroom.
4. Students are responsible for practicing their instrument **at home every day**.
5. Each student must be aware of the goals of the band.

6. A student's classroom teacher has the authority to remove a student from band because of poor classroom behavior or failing grades in any academic area.

Band Rules:

I will do my best.

I will enter and leave the room quietly.

I will listen and follow directions.

I will respect others.

I will raise my hand to speak.

Band Consequences:

Band students can move up or down the school wide behavior plan. Students who achieve outstanding will earn a treat at the end of each band class.

Band is a privilege and good behavior is a **must**.

Students who misbehave consistently will be permanently removed from band.

Band Attendance:

Attendance will be taken at **each** band rehearsal. Students who miss many (3-5) rehearsals with no letter of excuse will not be permitted to perform in our concerts.

If a student is absent due to illness, it can be excused with a written note.

If your child is absent from band please send me an email to let me know.

Sall.palmer@browardschools.com. If your child no longer wants to be a part of band please send me an email as well. Students must attend both rehearsals weekly. Students will need to decide if they want to participate in Science clubs or band.

Band Tardies:

Being on time to band is very important. Band class begins at 2pm. Students who are repeatedly late to band (3 or more times) will not be allowed to participate in band. If a student is late to band because they are at a safety patrol post, please let me know. They will be excused.

Anti Bullying Policy:

The anti-bullying policy in our school applies to after school band. Bullying will not be tolerated.

Band Incentives:

Band students will have an opportunity to earn 1 sticker for each completed in class worksheet. Students can earn 25 stickers for participating in an evening band concert. Students will earn a music prize after 50 stickers,(music pencils, erasers, etc) and 75 stickers. Students who earn 100 stickers or more will earn a band pin at the end of the school year. Students who earn an X on the chart for unacceptable behavior will not earn their band Students who quit band or are removed from band will not receive these incentive awards.

Cell Phones: Students are not allowed to use their cell phones in band class or at dismissal.

BAND PERMISSION FORM

Please complete this form and present it to **Mrs. Palmer** as soon as possible.

Student name _____

Band instrument they will play _____

Classroom Teacher Name _____ **Grade** _____

Parents' phone numbers-

Best contact _____

Second best contact _____

Email _____

_____ Yes, my son or daughter may participate in after school band, which meets after school on Thursdays, and Fridays from 2-3pm from October to May. I will pick my child up promptly at 3:00 pm in front of the school.

_____ Yes, my son or daughter may participate in after school band, which meets after school on Thursdays, and Fridays from 2-3pm from October to May. My child is in aftercare and will go to after care after band.

_____ **Yes, I would like to be a parent volunteer in band.**

My child and I are aware of the expectations, rules, consequences, and attendance procedures for participation in band.

Parent Signature

Date

Student Signature

Date