

Welcome to Our FE Band!

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Dear FE Parents & Band members,

I am glad that your child is in Band, and I am excited to start another year of Band at FE! Here is some helpful information to insure your child has the best possible Band experience:

Our 5th & 6th Grade Bands meet every Monday, Wednesday, & alternating Fridays (for a list of this year's Band & Chorus Fridays, please see the back of this sheet). Please make sure your child brings their Band instrument to school on these days. Our Band Students will have PE on Tuesdays, Thursdays, & alternating Fridays.

Required Equipment (reeds, cork grease, valve oil, slide-lube, etc.) and Band Books may be purchased at our local music store, Manning Music. Here is their contact information:

Manning Music
3400 SW 6th Avenue
Topeka, KS 66606
Phone - (785)-272-1740
Website - www.manningmusic.net

*** 5th Grade Band Book -** All FE 5th Grade Band Students will need the following Band Book - **"Traditions of Excellence, Book # 1,"** by Bruce Pearson.

6th Grade Band Books - All FE 6th Grade Band Students will need the following Band Books:

- *Last year's book - **"Traditions of Excellence, Book #1,"** by Bruce Pearson.
- ***"Traditions of Excellence, Book #2,"** by Bruce Pearson.
- ***"Christmas Favorites, Solos, & Band Arrangements,"** by Michael Sweeney. We will start rehearsing in this book on Monday, October 1.

5th Grade & New to FE Parents - I recommend that your 5th Grade Band member rents their instrument, as this is the more economically feasible route if your child decides to quit band, or change instruments. I also encourage you to purchase an instrument from a Music Store, and not from a department store. A music store instrument is of much higher quality, and can have parts repaired/ordered. Music stores will not repair Department store instruments, and these instruments do not offer parts or repairs. Instruments are a prime example of "you get what you pay for!"

PRACTICE AT HOME - is needed for all students to succeed. **PLEASE** encourage daily practice of 20 - 30 minutes, even if it sounds bad at first. You will start recognizing tunes, soon!

Questions...? Please feel free to e-mail me if you have any questions, at karnsphi@usd437.net .