

Welcome to Our FE Band!
2017-1018

8/29/17

Dear FE Parents,

I am glad that your child is in Band, and I am excited to get another year of Band going at FE! Here is information that I hope you will find helpful, to insure your child has the best possible Band experience:

Our Bands meet every Monday, Wednesday, & alternating Fridays. Please make sure your child brings their instrument to school on these days. Band Students will have PE on Tuesdays, Thursdays, & alternating Fridays.

Equipment (reeds, valve-oil) and Band Books - may be purchased at our local Music Store, Manning Music. Their contact information is as follows:

Manning Music
3400 SW 6th ST
Topeka, KS 66606
Phone # - 272-1740 – website - www.manningmusic.net .

***5th Grade Band Book** – will need “Traditions of Excellence, Bk. # 1, by Bruce Pearson.

***6th Grade Band Books** – will need “Traditions of Excellence, Bk. # 1 (last year’s book), by Bruce Pearson, Traditions of Excellence, Bk. #2, AND “Christmas Favorites, Solos & Band Arrangements,” by Mike Sweeney. **We will start rehearsing in the Christmas Favorites Book on Monday, Oct. 3.**

5th Grade & New to FE Parents - I recommend that your 5th Grade Bandsman 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 or ordered. Music stores will not repair Department store instruments, and the Department store 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 most students to succeed. Please encourage daily practice of 20 minutes, even if it sounds bad at first. You will start recognizing tunes soon!

Private Lessons- are not required but recommended, as they will allow your child to improve even faster! In a week or two, look for a letter that I will be sending-home, that explains my after school lessons at our school.

Questions? Please feel free to contact me at the contact information listed below.

Sincerely,
Phil Karns, FE Music Teacher
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School Phone – 408-8362

2017 – 2018 Band Fridays

Our FE 5th & 6th Grade Bands will rehearse on the following Fridays:

August – 18

September – 1, 8, 22, & 29

October – 20

November – 3, 17

December – 8

January – 12, 26

February – 2, 23

March – 2, 16

April – 6, 20

May – 11

Concert Dates

5th Grade Band – Tuesday, December 5 – 7:00 p.m., in the FE Gym.
Thursday, May 17 – 7:00 p.m., in the FE Gym.

6th Grade Band – Thursday, December 7 – 7:00 p.m., in the FE Gym.
Thursday, April 26 – 7:00 p.m. – BANDFEST at WRHS Gym.