

## 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 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Bands meet every Monday, Wednesday, & alternating Fridays. Please make sure your child brings their Band instruments, band books and music to school on these days. Our Band Students will have PE on Tuesdays, Thursdays, & alternating Fridays.

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

Manning Music  
3400 SW 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Topeka, KS 66606  
Phone - (785)-272-1740  
Website - [www.manningmusic.net](http://www.manningmusic.net)

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Book** - All FE 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Students will need the following Band Book - **“Traditions of Excellence, Book # 1,”** by Bruce Pearson.

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Books** - All FE 6<sup>th</sup> 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 7.

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade & New to FE Parents** - I recommend that your 5<sup>th</sup> 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!”

**“What if we’ve found a used instrument at a garage sale?”** Good! Please contact Mr. Karns, or Manning Music to determine if it needs repairs.

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**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!**

**Classroom Expectations** - Mr. Karns expects the following from all Band Students:

- \*Have your instrument, Band Book, & a pencil on Band Days.
- \*Do your best to be ready.
- \*Be Respectful, Responsible, & Safe with all people & things during Band.

## ***When are Band, Chorus, & Orchestra Fridays?***

1. Go to our [usd437.net](http://usd437.net) .
2. Click-on Elementary Schools.
3. Click-on Farley Elementary – Scroll to the bottom of the page, & find & Click-on Music Information.

You will find a REVISED list of 2019 – 2020 Farley Elementary 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> GR Band, Choir, & Orchestra Fridays!

**\*5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Bands** are every Monday & Wednesday, **AND** the listed Fridays.

**\*5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Orchestra & Choirs** are every Tuesday & Thursday, **AND** the listed Fridays.

**\*Please remind your child that Mr. Karns also has a sign on the Music room door, that says  
Band week OR Orchestra/Chorus Week!**

**Please see our FE Website, & click-on Music Information to see the following information:**

**\*K – 6 Concert Dates**

**\*Welcome to Band Newsletter**

**\*For Orchestra questions, please e-mail Mrs. Parker at – [parkehei@usd437.net](mailto:parkehei@usd437.net)**