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Dear 5th Grade Parents,

A special part of the 5th Grade year is the opportunity to become part of the Edgewood Instrumental Music Program. Plans are now being made for beginning class instruction at Edgewood Middle School. This letter will explain the procedure by which your child can become part of the program. Band Instructors met today with 5th grade students to explain procedures, review instruments, and answer questions. We would like all students who are interested in beginning instrumental study to return the attached sign up form completely filled out to their homeroom teacher by Wednesday, September 12,

Edgewood Schools do not rent band instruments. You can rent the proper instrument from any area music store. However, Edgewood Directors recommend the following two stores. Moeller Music (comes to school once a week); phone # 513-424-6869 and Mehas Music in Hamilton phone 513-867-1811 A Representative from Moeller Music will be at a PARENT INFORMATION MEETING Monday, September 17th at EMS in the cafeteria at 7:00pm. At that time you can sign up to rent an instrument through Moeller. We will also go over all the information needed for your child to start band. If you cannot make the meeting you will need to go to an area music store and rent an instrument on your own. Rental fees per month range anywhere from \$18.00 to \$45.00 depending on the instrument.

Class instruction will be offered on the following instruments: Trumpet, Trombone, French Horn, Baritone, Clarinet, Flute, Alto Sax, and Tenor Sax and Percussion. Please read over this with your child and help them choose three instruments they would like to play in a 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice order.

The Director will try to give everyone their first choice but also understand, we need to make a properly balanced band and cannot have too much in one section of instruments.

Playing an instrument and being part of a performing group has been an enjoyable part of school for many Edgewood students. Participating in band will also help build team work and critical thinking skills. It can also offer the chance at college scholarships and career opportunities. We hope you encourage your child to become part of the Edgewood Band program. Should you have any immediate questions, please call the Middle School at 867-7430 ext.3522

In the interest of music education,
Tim Baker
EMS Band Director



5th GRADE INSTRUMENTAL SIGN UP FORM

Students Name first and last

Home Room (teacher's name) Home Phone

Parent's or Guardian's Names (First and Last)

Building you attend _____ **(Bloomfield, Babeck, Seven Mile)**

Instrumental Preferences: (please list three in order of preference, also choose three different Instrument's)

Flute Clarinet Alto saxophone Tenor saxophone Trumpet Percussion

French Horn(supplied by school) Trombone Baritone(supplied by school)

1st Choice _____ ****If you already own an instrument and want to play it, write it here:**

2nd Choice _____

3rd Choice _____

Description of Instruments offered

Flute- Small woodwind instrument made of nickel/silver. Requires finger dexterity and coordination, uses all the fingers to change pitches. Student should have long right arm with long fingers. Reads treble clef. Lower rental cost.

Clarinet- Medium small woodwind instrument made of black wood or plastic. Requires finger dexterity and coordination, uses all the fingers to change the pitches. Reads treble clef. Lower rental cost.

Alto Saxophone- Medium sized woodwind instrument, made of polished brass. Requires finger dexterity and coordination, uses all the fingers to change the pitches. Reads treble clef. Higher rental cost.

Tenor Saxophone- Large sized woodwind instrument, made of polished brass. Requires finger dexterity and coordination, uses all the fingers to change the pitches. Reads treble clef. Higher rental cost.

French Horn- Medium sized brass instrument made of polished brass. Has three valves to change pitches. Requires wind strength and superior listening skills. Higher rental costs, sometimes school supplied.

Trumpet- Medium sized brass instrument, made of polished brass. Uses only three valves to change pitches. Reads treble clef. Low rental cost.

Baritone- Medium to large sized brass instrument. Uses only three valves to change pitches, similar to trumpet. Reads bass clef. School supplied

Trombone- Large brass instrument made of polished brass, uses slide to change pitches. Requires wind strength. (You don't have to have long arms!.) Reads bass clef. Lower rental costs.

Percussion -Snare drum-small drum with a stand and **Bells-**small keyboard instrument that has steel bars and is played with mallets. Drum and Bells come together in a kit.

(Percussionists learn to play both throughout the school year.)