



# 2017 Fifth Grade Band!



Walden Elementary School  
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Kipling Elementary School  
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Deerfield, IL 60015

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Dear Band Parents and Students,

Welcome back for another great year of band! School will begin next week and so I'm sending an overview of the band program along with important dates and information.

We anticipate an exciting year and look forward to creating a lasting musical experience with your child. *Please have your child bring a picture of him or herself that we can post on our bulletin boards!* Label an envelope with your child's name and instrument, and put it in my mailbox at school.

**All students need to have an instrument by September 1st.** Please make sure that your instrument is in good working order and you have all necessary equipment. Every student needs a copy of the **“Warm Ups and Beyond”** book on their specific instruments. **(Percussion needs BOTH mallets and snare)** If you need any assistance, please let me know; Deerfield School District 109 has a limited supply of some instruments available for rent.

- **Additional supplies needed by instrument: Bring from last year or replace as needed**
  - **Flute**
    - A small lint-free cloth to be used to clean the instrument. Please send this to school with your child at the first lesson.
  - **Oboe/Bassoon**
    - Two medium-soft Jones Oboe Reeds.
    - One silk swab and stick of cork grease.
    - One tube of cork grease.

- **Clarinet**
  - One box of Rico Royal #2 1/2 reeds.
  - One reed holder
  - One swab.
  - One tube of cork grease.
  - One pencil grip (to be used as a cushion on the thumb rest).
  
- **Alto Saxophone**
  - One box of Rico Royal #2 1/2 reeds.
  - One reed holder
  - One swab, cork grease, and a neck strap.
  
- **Trumpet/French Horn**
  - Valve oil.
  - Tuning slide oil.
  - Mouthpiece brush.
  
- **Trombone/Baritone/Tuba**
  - Super Slick Slide Cream (trombone only)
  - Valve oil (Baritone and Tuba only)
  - Tuning slide oil.
  - Mouthpiece brush.
  - Mouthpiece case (Baritone and Tuba only)
  
- **Percussion**
  - Bell Set and mallets.
  - Snare drum or pad and 2 B sticks.

## **Small Group Lessons**

Fifth Grade band members will attend a small group lesson one half hour each week. Schedules will be made available to parents and students by September 1st, and lessons begin the week of September 5th. After receiving the schedule, some families find it helpful to have the child record his/her weekly lesson time in an assignment notebook to assist with both remembering the instrument and the lesson time.

## **Fifth Grade Band Rehearsals**

Band students at Kipling and Walden will participate in two band rehearsals each week: **one before school and one during a lunch recess**

Kipling students will rehearse

- Tuesday morning, starting September 12th 8:00-8:35am
- Thursday lunch recess, starting September 14th 12:55-1:25pm

Walden students will rehearse

- Wednesday morning, starting September 13th 8:00-8:35am
- Friday lunch recess, starting September 15th 12:55-1:25pm

While the early morning start may cause some concern at first, I believe that it is an excellent way for students to start preparing for the middle school schedule throughout the year. It also allows us to work on more challenging, but also rewarding and fun music!

## **Concert Performances**

Inherent in any group experience is the need for all students to participate in a scheduled performance unless illness or a family situation does not allow. Please send a note so we understand your child's situation. Students should arrive ½ hour prior to the concert time to warm-up and ready themselves for the performance.

All rehearsal and concert dates may be found on my website at:

<http://waldenkiplingbands.weebly.com>

Please add the following dates to your calendar:

**October 24:** Combined Kipling & Walden 5th Grade Rehearsal 7:45am, Walden Elementary School

**October 25:** Band Halloween Concert 7:00pm, Shepard Middle School

**November 29:** Combined Kipling & Walden 5th Grade Rehearsal 7:45am, Walden Elementary School

**December 4:** Winter Concert Assembly 9:00am, Walden Elementary School

**December 5:** Winter Concert Assembly 1:40pm, Kipling Elementary School

**December 7:** Winter Band Concert 7:00pm, Shepard Middle School

**February (TBD):** Potbelly's Concert

**February 3:** Solo and Ensemble Contest (optional)

**February 22:** Fifth Grade Elementary Band Recital 7:00pm, Walden Elementary School

**May 2:** Combined Kipling & Walden 5th Grade Rehearsal 7:45am, Walden Elementary

School

**May 7:** Spring Concert Assembly 9:00am, Walden Elementary School

**May 8:** Spring Concert Assembly 1:40pm, Kipling Elementary School

**May 10:** Spring Band Concert 7:00pm, Shepard Middle School

### **Concert Dress**

Dark dress shoes and socks or hose, black pants or modest skirt, with a white button-down shirt or blouse. *Exception: halloween costumes are the dress at the October concert.*

### **Fees**

The District 109 Board of Education approved a fee schedule that eliminates the fee for instrumental music. So, you will not see a fee for your child's participation in band or orchestra in Family Access.

The removal of the fee means that instrumental music is a curricular program that is part of your child's academic day. Band and orchestra students must maintain a commitment to the program to ensure a consistent schedule for the students and a predictable roster of musicians for the program. Elementary students participate through the winter concerts; if they choose to continue their band/orchestra participation after those concerts, they remain in the program through the end of the school year.

Lastly, if you know of a friend or a neighbor whose child is interested in signing up for the band, it is not too late! Please spread the word!

Sincerely,

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