



BAND SIGN-UP SHEET 2011-2012

DEAR PARENTS:

As the GUS Band enters its 10th year, we will continue WEEKLY rehearsals on Wednesday mornings BEFORE school at 7:30 AM in the music room. We continue to welcome 5th grade musicians into the group. This letter is going to all families of fifth through eighth grade, as it is my hope that some students who may have played an instrument in the past will take this opportunity to join the band.

It is a well-documented finding that playing an instrument has academic as well as musical benefits for students. Members of the GUS Band will receive trimester reports that will be included in student records when applying to high school. The GUS Band performs at some of our special events throughout the year, and in addition to full band performances, instrumentalists are often asked to play on special musical numbers with various singing groups.

To be eligible for band, a student will need to have previously studied privately on a band or orchestral instrument and will benefit greatly with continued private instruction. Our band time will be focused on ensemble playing and not individual instrument instruction. I have some contact people who offer private lessons that may be helpful to you if you are seeking private instruction. Students opting to join the band are expected to make a commitment throughout the school year so that we are able to prepare for our performances. GUS does not supply instruments, and students will need their own. As in the past, orchestral strings are welcome to play in the GUS Band.

If you are interested in your child participating in the GUS Band, please email me at jthomsen@gus.org or complete the tear off form and return to me at the school. I want to make our first rehearsal a productive one so I will need to know how to set up the room. We will have our first rehearsal on Wednesday morning, September 14th at 7:30 a.m. Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,
Jeff Thomsen

STUDENT NAME..... INSTRUMENT..... GRADE.....

I PLAN TO ATTEND THE FIRST REHEARSAL IN THE MUSIC ROOM ON SEPT.14TH. YES NO

PARENT SIGNATURE