

BAND NEWS

FOURTH GRADE BAND – Please continue to sign weekly practice reports they are a very important part of your student's grade. Your interest and support continue to be a big factor in their development as a musician. Your student was given an assignment recently to play the song Bingo for you and get your signature in the book to show they had done the assignment. They get points for this assignment. Music is becoming more challenging, but students are doing well. We are looking forward to our spring concert which is **Tuesday, May 4th, at 6:30 p.m.**

FIFTH GRADE BAND – Band students are very excited about their new concert music and they have been working hard to prepare it. Please make sure you have the band concert date on your calendar, **Tuesday, May 4th at 6:30 p.m.** There are several students who are not turning in practice reports. Please sign them each Monday evening, so they can be turned in on Tuesday for full credit. It would be helpful if you could remind your students that instruments and folders are not to be left at school. When instruments and music are left at school, it is impossible for students to do their band homework. Just a reminder, band in middle school can only be taken as a major or a minor, we do not offer a generals class. Also, if a student wishes to participate in the band during high school, they will have had to have participated in their middle school band. Feel free to call me or e-mail me, if you have questions.

ELEMENTARY BAND MAJORS- Students been begun working on new solos and duets. We have also started working on new large ensemble pieces for the concert, May 4th. Please help your students with their 6 new vocabulary terms to be learned weekly. They will be tested each Wednesday. This continues to be a problem for some of the students. Students are doing a good job with weekly practice times.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND- I am extremely proud of the SCAPA band student's performances at the KMEA Solo & Ensemble Festival. Check out the SCAPA Spotlight for the details!!!! Comments from judges were helpful. Several judges spoke with me after the event highly complimenting our students.

KMEA Middle School Concert Band Assessment will be held on Thursday, March 18 at the U.K. Singletary Center for the Arts.

We will perform at 3:40 p.m., and sightread at 4:00 p.m. that day. I would like to encourage you to come and listen to our performance. We will have two after school rehearsals in preparation for this event. These are a part of the student's grade and are on the calendar that was issued at the beginning of the school year. The after school rehearsals are Wednesday, March 10, from 3:45-5:30 and Monday, March 15, from 3:45-5:30.

All County Honor Band rehearsal has been scheduled for Wednesday, March 24th 6-9 p.m., and Thursday, March 25th 8-4 p.m. Locations for these rehearsals will be announced soon. The Concert will be the evening, of Thursday, March 25th, 7:30 p.m. at Henry Clay High School gymnasium. Other details concerning this event will be sent when they are received.