

BAND NEWS

FOURTH GRADE BAND – Students have received an informational letter about the **Spring Concert**, which is **Tuesday, May 4th, at 6:30 p.m.**, in the multipurpose room at SCAPA. Students will need to report at 6:00 p.m. Concert dress is black and white. Students receive a concert grade for their performance. Bring friends and family, you will be surprised with the progress these students have made. We have been very pleased with the progress of this group, and are hoping that all of them will continue to play in the fifth grade. We will use Accent on Achievement, Book 1, for the next school year. Feel free to purchase this at any time. Students should continue to practice at least 75 minutes per week, getting your signature for full credit. This is an important part of the band grade. Students will receive extra credit for attending the SCAPA Middle School Band Concert on May 20, at 6:30 p.m., in the multipurpose room.

FIFTH GRADE BAND – Students have received an informational letter about the **Spring Concert**, which is **Tuesday, May 4th, at 6:30 p.m.**, in the multipurpose room at SCAPA. Students will need to report at 6:00 p.m. Concert dress is black and white. Concert attendance is mandatory. Students receive a concert grade for their performance. Bring friends and family, you will be amazed at how much more mature the group sounds. We have had a great year, and quite a few will continue to pursue their musical training in the middle school band. Band minors will need Accent on Achievement, Book 2, for the next school year. Band majors will need Accent on Achievement Book 2, Essential Technique, Book 3, and Foundations for Superior Performance. Feel free to purchase these at any time. Students should continue to practice at least 75 minutes per week, getting your signature for full credit. This is an important part of the band grade. Students will receive extra credit for attending the SCAPA Middle School Band Concert on May 20, at 6:30 p.m., in the multipurpose room.

ELEMENTARY BAND MAJORS- Students have worked diligently on their concert music, and we are looking forward to showcasing those efforts at the spring concert. See fifth or fourth grade band news, for more information. Elementary band majors continue to receive valuable theory training in the computer lab each Friday. Most

students are doing much better on their musical terms test. The last one will be Wednesday, May 12th. I need to see practice reports weekly. Most students do a really good job of getting in at least 100 minutes practice. Some, however, are not good about getting these to me in a timely manner. Keep encouraging their efforts.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND- KMEA solo & ensemble medals have been ordered. Several students wanted their medals however, they did not bring in any money. We will send a note home with the total owed. Also, there are several who owe money for reeds.

Five brass students from SCAPA did a great job performing with the Lexington Brass Band, on Sunday, April 11, at Calvary Baptist Church. These students were: Will Lovan, Nathan Gillespie, Jake Roney, Danny Alford, and Bruce Cotton. They were part of a group of 30 middle school students chosen to form the Middle School Honors Brass Ensemble.

DVD's from last year's Middle School Band concerts are available. This is a two DVD set for \$20. All profits go to the band. I have about a dozen left. Get them while they last. We will produce another DVD of all concert performances this year. We will also include 8th grade spotlights. Payment and orders for these will be taken at our final concert.

The final SCAPA Middle School Band Concert will be on Thursday, May 20th, 6:30 p.m. in the SCAPA multipurpose room. There will be one afterschool rehearsal on Wednesday, May 19th, from 3:45-5:30 p.m. Rehearsal and concert attendance is mandatory. Both of these will be for a grade. Concert dress is black and white, except for eighth graders who may wear either a nice dress or skirt for girls and nice slacks and shirt for guys. The orchestra will not be joining us for this concert, so we will have time and the space for a reception. We will need someone to coordinate this event. Please feel free to contact me, if you are interested in helping out. We will need all parents to help out with food donations.