



District 204

Prelude to Band and Orchestra

November, 2016

Dear Parents of Fifth Grade Students:

During November, December and January, fifth graders will experience Prelude Band and Orchestra during their general music class. Prelude is an in-depth study of band and orchestra instruments. At the end of the process, students will be given the opportunity to select an appropriate instrument to begin learning in sixth grade. Today, your child was given a brief introduction to all of the instruments, including strings, woodwinds, brass, and percussion.

Students have already attended a demonstration assembly and in the next few weeks, they will obtain more instruction during their general music class. During this time, all students will receive a thorough review of each of the instruments offered in band and orchestra. This is a hands on experience. Students will hold each of the instruments. Eventually, students will have the opportunity to try playing several instruments of their choice. Throughout this time, music teachers will be assessing which instruments best match a student's interest, physical attributes and cognitive preference. At the end of this Prelude period, music teachers will help students make their final choice. Students will begin studying their instrument on the first day of sixth grade in middle school.

On Wednesday, November 30, 2016 at 7:00pm an informational meeting will be held at Crone Middle School in the Cafeteria. During this 30 minute meeting, parents will be provided with an overview of the Prelude program as well as the Music program at Crone.

Final registration for 6th grade band and orchestra will be held at Crone Middle School on Tuesday, January 24, 2017 from 3:30-7:00pm. More information about registration will be available during the Prelude process.

We look forward to meeting you at the informational meeting. If you have any questions about Prelude Band or Orchestra or the selection process, please do not hesitate to email or call us.

Musically yours,

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