

Harvard Public Schools Music Department

Welcome Parents and New Band Members!

We are starting another exciting year of music here at H.E.S. On September 3, 2009, your children will be shown all the different types of instruments in the band. If interested, it is now time to choose which instrument they would like to learn. If you have a sixth grader, this would be a good time to obtain an instrument as well, if he or she does not already have one.

Attached is a rental form from David French Music Co. They provide weekly instrumental services through the school and have shown excellence in service and quality. You are not required to use this company. But remember a quality instrument is important to the success of a first year music student and a less expensive instrument may end up costing you more money in the long run.

Please **fill out and return** the rental form to your child's homeroom teacher by **September 8**. We will be holding our **first band meeting on Thursday, September 10 at 7:00pm** in the Cafeteria at Bromfield for all parents and new band students. At this meeting your child will be able to pick up the instrument they have selected. I will also go over the details of the program and answer any questions you may have.

If your child is still not sure which instrument they would like to play bring them to the meeting and we may be able to assist them with their choice.

If you already have an instrument or plan to get one elsewhere, it is important that you still attend the meeting. Also if you do not go through David French Music Co. you will still need to obtain a lesson book. The name of that book is Standard of Excellence, Book 1, written by Bruce Pearson and published by A. Kjos music Co. There will be lesson books available at the meeting.

If you have any questions please e-mail me at treynold@worldpath.net (the best way) or call at 617.529.9402.

Look forward to seeing you all,

Thomas E. Reynolds
Harvard Elementary School Band Director

Talia R. Mercadante
Harvard Elementary School Lesson Instructor

Band Rehearsal Dates Harvard Elementary School Band rehearsals will be held on the following dates during the 2009-2010 School Year beginning at 8:00am in the HES Cafeteria:

SEPT 2009 - 11(F), 17(R), 22(T), 29(T)
OCT - 2(F), 8(R), 14(W), 20(T), 23(F), 29(R)
NOV - 3(T), 9(M), 13(F), 19(R)
DEC - 3(R), 8(T), 14(M), 23(W)
JAN 2010 - 6(W), 12(T), 15(F), 22(F), 27(W)

FEB - 2(T), 5(F), 11(R), 23(T)
MAR - 1(M), 4(R), 10(W), 15(M), 24(W), 30(T)
APR - 5(M), 9(F), 14(W), 27(T), 30(F)
MAY - 6(R), 11(T), 17(M), 20(R), 26(W)
JUNE - 1(T), 7(M), 10(R)

Day Letter Codes: (M) - Monday, (T) - Tuesday, (W) - Wednesday, (R) - Thursday, (F) - Friday

Lessons will be scheduled at the end of the school days on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays by our music teacher, Ms. Talia Mercadante. More information on this will be forthcoming.