



Graves County Schools

Graves County Elementary Band Program

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Greetings Band Parents and Guardians!

This is just a little letter to keep you up-dated with what's coming up next semester for the Elementary Band.

I just want to start by saying that I am so proud of how the students did on their Holiday concert. Not only did they play well, they were extremely well-behaved at the concert. They are truly a joy to work with and I appreciate all the parents and family members who work hard so that these students can participate in band. Thank you.

Next semester we will be preparing for two concerts, the Parents Appreciation Concert on March 11th, and the Spring Concert on May 6th. Second-year students will have the option of participating in Solo and Ensemble Festival on March 1st. They will receive additional information about this next week.

With the holidays approaching some of you may be looking for some stocking-stuffer ideas for your young musician. Here is a list of great stocking-stuffer ideas for a young musician:

Woodwinds: Swabs, Polishing Cloths , Pad Savers, Swabs, Reeds (Vandoren #3 or LaVoz Medium) , C-Star Mouthpiece, Rovner Ligatures, Cleaning Kits, Tuner, Metronome

Brass: Polishing Cloth, Value Oil , Slide Oil , Trombone Water Bottle, Cleaning Kits, Cleaning Brushes, Tom Crown Straight Mute, Cup Mute, Tuner, Metronome

Percussion: Vic Firth SD 1 Drum Sticks, Vic Firth Yarn Mallets, Vic Firth hard rubber mallets, Vic Firth General timpani mallets, Stick Bag, Metronome

A couple pieces of housekeeping – If you are renting a school-owned instrument and have not paid your \$30 semester rental fee, please take care of that as soon as possible. Checks should be made out to GCMS. Please let me know if you are unable to pay and I will have family resource take care of it. Finally, **there will not be after school band practice on Thursday, December 20th.**

Happy Holidays!

--Ellis Shelby, Elementary Band Director

