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2016/2017 P.S. 321 BAND CONTRACT 4th GRADE BEGINNING BAND

October 11, 2016

To Beginning Band Families,

Welcome to the PS 321 Band! We are pleased that your child will participate in the Beginning Band for the 2016/2017 school year!

Classes are held every Wednesday school is in session; they begin at 2:50 and end at 4:05. Students are not permitted to leave the building at 2:50pm dismissal for any reason. Children will be dismissed from the front lobby after band class and **MUST** be picked up at 4:05 unless you have given them written permission to walk home (below).

At the first class, October 19th, there will be a demonstration of each instrument. - The children will list their 1st & 2nd choices of instruments: alto sax, clarinet, flute, trumpet and snare drum (they will not be taking drums home, just rubber practice pads), **the instruments will be selected by lottery.** Their preference will be considered but which instrument they play CANNOT be guaranteed. Students will receive their instrument at the 2nd class on October 26th.

4th grade band members will have lessons every Wednesday that school is in session from October 19th through May 31st with the exception of the WEDNESDAY BEFORE THANKSGIVING BREAK – **No afterschool classes on 11/23/16 even though there IS school on that day! Please be sure to make arrangements to pick-up your child at 2:50pm on 11/23.**

There will be a family/band faculty night at the end of October where parents and students will be able to meet with their band instructors outside of class and talk about this year's band program. There will be 2 band concerts this year. - Please mark your calendars now with the 2 Concert dates:

WINTER CONCERT: Wednesday, February 8th- 6:30pm

SPRING CONCERT: Wednesday, May 31st - 6:30pm

The band fee for the school year is \$500.00, payable by check or money order to the P.S. 321 P.T.A. You may opt to pay half now and the remaining balance in January, 2016. – (Some families have already paid and I already have your Paypal payment info or checks.)

Children will be able to take home their instruments at the second class, as long as the signed contract and payment have been received. Each student will be issued starting supplies (cleaning rods, reeds, etc.). **Eventually, families will be expected to provide supplies like reeds and cork grease, and to replace lost items like instruction books and cleaning rods.**

Regular and punctual attendance is mandatory to stay in the program. This is a 2 year-long commitment! **For this school year please be sure your child will attend each week from October 19th through May 31st. For next years 5th grade Advanced Band program, classes will be held on Mondays and there will be a separate 2nd year \$500 band fee for that year to be paid at the start of next year.**

Students are expected to practice regularly at home and come to class prepared with their instruments and music so the weekly group rehearsals may be highly productive!

Please indicate acceptance of the terms of this contract by signing one copy of this contract.

Thank you!

**Courtney Gilbert
After School Coordinator**

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**** Please carefully read, fill out and return this contract to the Kid's Club folder in the Main Office as soon as possible. This is a two year commitment.** All students are expected to return next year to participate in Advanced Band.

Student's name _____

Class _____

Parent/Guardian _____

Address _____

Telephone (H) _____ (W) _____ (C) _____

E-Mail Address (please print clearly!) _____

Name and telephone of other person authorized to pick up your child:

_____ **My child has permission to walk home by him/herself.**

_____ I have attached my check or money order for \$500.

_____ I have ALREADY PAID by either check or Paypal

_____ I will need scholarship assistance or payment options and have visited Guidance Counselor Carlina Ramos or Ben Halioua for approval. I have attached my check or money order for \$_____ Guidance Counselor's Initials _____

Students 1st and 2nd choices of Instruments will be strongly considered however instruments will selected by lottery.

I, _____, pledge to attend class every Wednesday from 2:50-4:05 pm with no more than 3, excused absences. I understand that band is a two year commitment.

Student Signature:

Parent/Guardian Signature:

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STUDENT'S COPY

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