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2019/2020 P.S. 321 BAND CONTRACT 5th GRADE ADVANCED BAND

September 27, 2019

Dear Band Families,

I am pleased that your child will be continuing on to Advanced Band for the 2019/2020 school year!

The first day of class is Wednesday, **October 16th**. - The entire ensemble will meet in the lunchroom at **3:00pm**. School issued instruments will be distributed on this day, not before. Students need to bring the music instruction books they used in last year's Beginning Band to class. Anyone missing their book should notify Courtney. Children who will be playing their own instrument in class this year should bring it on the first day as well.

Band dismissal will be from the front lobby and children MUST be picked up at 4:05 pm, unless you have given them written permission to walk home (below).

5th grade students will build on the instruction they received last year. **They will have lessons every <u>Wednesday</u> that school is in session from <u>October 16th through May 27th</u>. We will hold a family/band faculty night in mid October, (date TBD), where parents and students will be able to meet with their band instructors outside of class and talk about this year's band program. In the meantime, <u>please mark your calendars now with the 2 Concert dates!</u>:**

WINTER CONCERT: Wednesday, February 12th - 6:30pm SPRING CONCERT: Wednesday, May 27th - 6:30pm

<u>The band fee for the school year is \$600.00</u>, payable by check or money order to the <u>P.S. 321 P.T.A.</u> You may opt to pay half now and the remaining balance in January, 2020. Children will be able to take home their instruments on the first day of class, as long as the signed contract and payment have been received. Each student will be issued starting supplies (cleaning rods, reeds, etc.). **They will use the same music instruction book as last year.** After the first day, families will be expected to provide supplies like reeds and cork grease, and to replace lost items like instruction books and cleaning rods. The PTA will offer to pay for the first repair, but we ask that you provide payment for any further repairs.

<u>Regular and punctual attendance is mandatory to stay in the program</u>. This is a year-long commitment! **Please be sure your child will attend each week from October 16th through May 27th.** Additionally, 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 and <u>returning one</u> <u>copy</u>, with your payment, to the Kids Club folder in the PTA mailbox in the main office by <u>Tuesday October 8th by 4:30 pm</u>.

Thank you! Questions? Email me at cgilbert@ps321.info

Courtney Gilbert After School Coordinator

Student's name
Class
Parent(s)/Guardian(s)
Address
E-Mail Address (Please PRINT CLEARLY!)
Telephone(C)(W)(H)_(H)
Name and telephone of person(s) authorized to pick up your child
My child has permission to walk home by him/herself.
I will need scholarship assistance and have visited Guidance Counselor Ben Halioua or Jon Alvarez for approval. I have attached my check or money order for \$ Guidance Initials
Student Signature
Parent/Guardian Signature