

Garfield Heights City Schools

5TH GRADE BAND

Dear GHCS 5th Grade Families,

I would like to invite you to a band information session/signup event! This invitation is extended to all 5th grade families at ALL Garfield Heights Elementary Schools. The event will be held on **Thursday August 27, 2015** at **6:00pm** at **Maple Leaf Elementary**. Royalton Music Center is graciously presenting information to our families and is one resource available for instrument rentals/purchase. At this meeting we will discuss specific requirements and details regarding the GHCS Band Program, however, here are some FAQs to allow you to make the best decision for your student and family.

- **How much does it cost?**
 - There is no fee for participating in 5th grade band; however, students are required to have their own instrument and band book.
- **When does it start?**
 - Band will begin on **MONDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 2015**. Students enrolled in band must have a band book and instrument by this date. Rehearsals are before school at Maple Leaf Elementary. Your student will be assigned 1-2 days a week for rehearsal. (Specific days will be assigned after auditions.) You are responsible for getting your child to Maple Leaf for rehearsal. The rehearsal schedule will look like this:
 - 7:00AM – Students arrive at Maple Leaf
 - 7:10AM – Band begins. (Students will need that time to put their instruments together and be ready to learn.)
 - 7:50AM – Students dismissed to class, OR bussed to William Foster/Elmwood for their classes.
- **My child goes to Elmwood/William Foster, do I need to provide transportation?**
 - All families must provide transportation TO Maple Leaf at 7:00AM. Students attending school at Elmwood or William Foster will be bussed to their respective school to begin the school day. Parents do NOT need to pick up their child at Maple Leaf and take them to their school.

- **How do I know what instrument to get?**
 - Students will be given the opportunity to see and try instruments at this event. They will be asked to select both a first and second choice instrument. Sign up is on a first come, first serve basis and there are limited spots available for each instrument. Percussion in particular is selected based on the results of a music literacy audition. If percussion is your student's first choice, please plan to attend this event and see Mrs. Fletcher upon conclusion of the presentations.
- **What instruments can I choose from?**
 - Trumpet, Clarinet, Flute, Saxophone, French Horn, Baritone, Trombone and Percussion.
 - If your student has prior experience on another instrument, please contact Mrs. Fletcher and that possibility will be discussed.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. I look forward to meeting you and working with your child this year!

**Musically Yours,
Mrs. Fletcher
Maple Leaf Elementary
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