

# *5th Grade Band Instrument Display*

Beloit Elementary School

***Please use the south Library door entrance after 3:30 PM***

Tuesday, October 9, 2018

Michael Harbaugh & Kristi Vetter- Instrumental Music Teachers

Dear Parents,

I am sure you are all aware that we are now ready to proceed with instruments in the 5th Grade Band. The discipline that Band teaches and the teamwork that it demands; could be the most valuable experience of your child's education. The skills and study habits learned within the music framework carry over into adulthood.

The instrumentation of the Beloit High School Band and Orchestra must be well balanced, it is necessary that we get a well balanced band in the beginning. This means we must regulate the type and number of various instruments to be used. The clarinet, trumpet, and trombone carry no limitations in the number of students who wish to participate. These instruments are considered the "backbone" of the band and orchestra and are critical to the successful instrumental music program. Due to media exposure three band instruments (flute, saxophone, and percussion/bells) enjoy great popularity and therefore require limited enrollment in order to maintain a uniform balance in ensemble instrumentation.

Representatives from ***Tom's Music House of Concordia*** will be in the basement of the Beloit Elementary School on Tuesday, October 2 from 2:40 PM till 5:00 PM. This music store visits our school on a weekly basis to provide complete service, they are a reputable business. Kenny Johnston of ***Tom's Music House of Concordia*** visits the Beloit Elementary School every Thursday from 12:20 PM to 12:30 PM.

Tom's Music House is not the only reputable music store but they go to the expense of travelling to Beloit every week to pick-up and return instruments that may need adjustment or repair, deliver music supplies, and provide many other services for our school, students, and community.

***Tom's Music House of Concordia*** provides a continuous rental plan (rent to own) whereby a new or used instrument can be returned at any time. Rent does apply toward the purchase. ***New Instruments:*** Monthly rental payments average \$40 per month during the rental period for a new clarinet, trumpet, flute, or trombone. Saxophone will average \$70 per month. ***Rental return instruments*** and used instruments purchased from one of these reputable music dealers are reconditioned to work well. If you plan to ***buy or use a used instrument from an independent source*** or one that is in the family, please bring it to school as soon as possible so that Mr. Harbaugh and Mrs. Vetter may check it before you buy it (this can save a disappointment).

***What will my expenses be the day of the display?***

***Tom's Music House of Concordia*** will rent most instruments at the display with monthly rental payments (\$40.00, \$70 for saxophone) beginning on October 9. Tom's will include an optional insurance, providing repair and replacement service.

The customer to renew the rental or return the instrument at the end of each month.

***Percussion students*** will need to rent a "bell outfit" at the display. We will use bell outfits during the first 90 day period and then proceed to the other percussion instruments after proficiency has been established with the mallets. ***Tuba and Baritone students*** need to purchase

a mouthpiece at the display. Tom's will carry the mouthpieces (estimated price **Baritone \$70.00, Tuba \$95.00**). Clarinet and Saxophone students are required to have 3 good reeds in their case at all times. The Beloit Elementary School office will sell **3 clarinet reeds for \$8.00 and 3 saxophone reeds for \$10.00**.

***If you are interested in your child continuing in band, you should contact Mr. Harbaugh during these hours.*** If you cannot be here during these hours call the school office, 738 3581 for another appointment or Kenny Johnston at Tom's Music House 785 243 1710.

There will be no 5th grade band fee. Private instruments are not insured by USD 273. Please check your home owner's policy regarding coverage of band instruments and deductible. Our text will be ***Band Expressions Book 1***. The music store will have the books at the display. The book and a music stand will be available at the display from Toms Music House. The book will be available for \$9.00 (tax included) at the display, the music stands will be \$10.00.

The 5th grade band will continue to meet at 2:40 - 3:25 each Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. Mr. Harbaugh and Mrs. Vetter will be very thankful for any encouragement given to our new band students! Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

Michael Harbaugh

Kristi Vetter

Instrumental Music Instructors