

## **Beginning Band at Festival Foothills**

All 5<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will have the exciting opportunity to learn a new instrument and play in the Beginning Band! Research has shown that playing an instrument contributes to academic achievement in many different ways, and not only is it included in the states standards; it is an integral part of the state standards for music education. And it is a lot of fun! I strongly encourage all students to consider participating in the band.

### Quick Facts:

#### **Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in the Music Room:**

This is an open house for all students 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade and their parents. Students will have a chance to try out the different instruments during this meeting. During the meeting we will also cover student expectations, parent expectations, when rehearsal will be held, when the performance will be held, and instrument rental information.

The week of October 31st: First rehearsal for Beginning Band. Those students renting an instrument on Thursday night will receive their instruments at this rehearsal.

#### **What instruments are being offered?**

We are offering flute, clarinet, alto saxophone, trumpet, French horn, trombone, and percussion. If anyone is interested in playing the baritone or tube, we will be happy to work this out.

#### **When are rehearsals?**

Beginning Band will have rehearsals are once a week during the school day 9:00-9:20am. Based on numbers we may also meet once a week after school.

#### **What does it cost to participate in band?**

1. An instrument. The school doesn't provide instruments. There is an opportunity to rent instruments from Music and Arts. They will be at the parent meeting with that information. Many have friends and family that have instruments, and others have found good deals on eBay or Craig's List. If you obtain a used instrument, please make sure it is in good working order to ensure your students' success.
2. "Tradition of Excellence" book for their instrument.
3. School Band Fee- \$1.00 Paid to Mrs. Payne at the front office.

Extra: Please note that it would be helpful for your child to have a tuner and metronome. Note that these items can be found as mobile apps (Tempo by frozen ape, iStrobosoft by Peterson, instruments in Reach).

**Questions:** Please email questions to Amanda Bub at [abub@wickenburg.k12.az.us](mailto:abub@wickenburg.k12.az.us). Or call the school at 928-501-6000

I look forward to seeing you at the parent meeting on Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in the Music Room.