

BAND BUDDIES BEGINS!

Dear 6th Grade Band Students & Families,

10/21/19

The year is off to a strong start in our 6th Grade Band classes. We have already learned how to assemble and hold our new instruments, and are now learning to read music. Playing an instrument is a commitment, but the students seem willing to accept this challenge “head-on”! Their enthusiasm is contagious...

I want to invite every 6th Grade Band student to participate in a **6-week** after school program called “Band Buddies,” which will be starting on Monday, October 28th. This mentoring program connects the talents and experience of our “older” band students with the needs of our beginners. Each instrument group will meet on a specific day of the week between 3:40 and 4:10 PM. This is a great opportunity for beginners to seek help, and students are welcome to count this time on their monthly practice charts. As the teacher, I will oversee this program and will always be available to help students on these days. The program will be canceled for the day if I am absent.

If you would like to get involved, please fill out the attached form and return it to the Middle School Band Office as soon as possible. All are welcome to participate. Parents, you are also invited to come and help coach students on their instruments! Please let me know if you have musical experience and would like to share it with the kids.

BAND BUDDIES SCHEDULE:

MONDAYS: FLUTES, TRUMPETS, FRENCH HORNS

TUESDAYS: CLARINETS, TROMBONES, BARITONES, PERCUSSION

FRIDAYS: DROP-INS (Any instrument) Teacher help available!

I look forward to seeing these students grow and improve! Please call or e-mail if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Mark McCrady

WMS Band Director

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Band Buddies: “Students helping students”

BAND BUDDIES REGISTRATION

Please return this form to Mr. McCrady if you would like to participate in our first **6-week session** of Band Buddies this school year (**Oct. 28-Dec. 3**).

STUDENT NAME: _____ INSTRUMENT: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN: _____ PHONE: _____

Parents, please check all that apply:

🍏 I play (or played) a band instrument and would like to come and help coach beginners!

My instrument is the _____

🍏 My son or daughter can commit to this program for the full 6 weeks.

🍏 My son or daughter will participate in the program, but will be absent on the following dates: _____

🍏 I am willing to come and take photographs during Band Buddies for the band website.