



## Center Montessori School

Dear Parents and Students,

I hope that you are enjoying your summer, and your time away from school. I am excited to be returning as the Band Director this year and look forward to partnering with you as your student continues his/her music education here at Center Montessori School.

We are offering Band Camp this summer to our students in grades 5-8. Camp will be held Monday and Tuesday, August 14 and 15, in the Music Room. The fifth grade students will meet both mornings from 9:30am-11:30am. Representatives from Keyboards & More will come to the school and assist the fifth graders as they try out different instruments. We will decide what instrument they will play and will send home with your student information about renting a band instrument and taking private lessons. There are several music stores that sell and rent band instruments and we will make sure you have all that information so that an instrument can be secured during the first week of school.

The L3 students will meet in the afternoons from 12:30pm - 3:00pm, **provided we have a minimum of 5 students sign up to participate in camp.** Since the middle school students already have their instruments they are asked to bring them to Band Camp. I will schedule a time to assist any new students in choosing an instrument if they have not been playing one already. *We request that parents register their child for camp by August 11, class minimum for middle school is 5 students.*

Incoming fourth graders begin Band Class on the first day of school, August 16. We are happy to announce that this year it is not necessary for them to rent or buy an instrument as they will be using the recorders, orchestra bells and percussion instruments that school has purchased for their use.

We are making some changes to the Band schedule this year. Fourth through eighth grade students will attend Band Class on Monday and Wednesday each week. Fridays will now be reserved for special rehearsals prior to upcoming performances. If there is no school on a Monday, Band Class will be held on Friday of that week to insure that students have Band at least twice each week. This will allow them more time in their classrooms for academic work and will still provide extra rehearsals needed for the students to perform with excellence at our Holiday and Spring Concerts.

I am looking forward to having a great year in Band! Let me know if you have any questions.

Alicia Kennedy

Band Director