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 5th and 6th Grade. Camp will be held Tuesday - Thursday, August 6-8, in the Music Room. The fifth grade students will meet in the mornings from 9:00am-11:00am. Representatives from Keyboards & More will come to the school and assist the 5th 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 6th grade students will meet in the afternoons from 1:00pm - 3:00pm, provided we have a minimum of 5 students sign up to participate in camp. Since the 6th grade 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 July 31, class minimum for 6th grade is 5 students.

Incoming 4th graders begin Band Class on the first day of school, August 19. 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. 4th through 8th grade students will attend Band Class on Monday, Wednesday and Friday each week.

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

Alicia Kennedy
Band Director