

BAND PARENT HANDBOOK
BARK RIVER-HARRIS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
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WELCOME TO BEGINNING BAND

What creates a successful, lifelong musician?

Materials (for home and school)

Working instrument

Essential Elements Book 1

Pencil

Routine

Play daily, even if only a few minutes

Track playing on practice chart

Turn in assignments weekly

(always on Tuesdays)

Effort

Must practice at home

Do not be afraid to ask for help

Give 100% of your focus, energy and
intelligence in class everyday

Attitude

Stay positive! Learning an instrument
is not easy

Be open- minded to learning new skills

MATERIALS + ROUTINE + EFFORT + ATTITUDE = SUCCESS!!!!

Getting Started:

1. You must have your music book by **September 17th**. Jim's Music sells them for \$9 per book. Please get **Essential Elements, Book 1 (YELLOW)** for whatever instrument your student is playing. Failure to obtain your book by this date will result in a loss of participation points (see grading below).
2. You must have your instruments by **Septembre 17th**. The school has a VERY limited supply of instruments available for loan on a first come, first served basis. Preference will be given to those with financial need. Other students need to rent/borrow or buy an instrument for class. Jim's Music is very affordable and has quality instruments for lease-to-own and outright sale. Ebay, Amazon, and Craigslist also have instruments available. If you have any questions about what brand/type of instrument to purchase, please talk to Mrs. Goodrich. Again, failure to bring an instrument to class will result in a loss of participation points (see grading below).
3. Get your accessories if possible! Cleaning clothes, extra reeds, oil, grease, drum sticks, etc. Not sure what you need? Ask Mrs. Goodrich.
4. If you are having any financial difficulties getting books, reeds or an instrument, please contact Mrs. Goodrich as soon as possible!

Outside Class Events and Performances (Mandatory!)

Each performance is mandatory and **will only** be considered excused with a parent note at **least 24 hours** before or immediately after the event of absence. Make-up work will be assigned even if the concert is an excused absence (see grading policy below). Please be aware, times and dates are subject to change. Notes and reminders will always be sent home with students in the weeks before a performance. Please check their folders or the school website.

Dec. 16th at 12:30 PM (Mon) - Christmas Concert

March 15th at noon (Sun) - Spring Fling

June TBA- 5th Grade awards ceremony during the school day

Classroom Expectations and Rules:

1. Show up to class on time , with everything you need for class; pencil, book and instrument.
2. Get set up quickly and without playing. Be ready for instruction.
3. Absolutely NO GUM or FOOD brought into class. Only water IN A SEALED container is allowed.
4. If you need to borrow a book, grab a new practice chart or missing homework assignment, check in the 5th Grade Book Bin (on counter) before disrupting class.
5. Be respectful to your director, classmates and all school property. Damaging school owned **equipment or MUSIC** could result in a fine from the school.
6. Band should be a fun and safe environment. Do your best to keep a positive attitude and get work done.
7. **All electronics are OFF limits unless Mrs. Goodrich directs otherwise.**

Grading Policy:

1. Students will be given grades for the following activities:
 - a. In-class participation (5 points daily). Points are lost for any inappropriate classroom behavior. For example: excessive talking, disruptive behavior and/or not coming to class prepared with your instrument and music. **Please be aware that damaging school owned instruments and/or music will result in a loss of points for the day AND a possible bill to parents for repairs or replacement of equipment.**
 - b. Concerts and performances (50-100 points). As stated above, students who cannot attend a performance need to contact me via a **parent at least 24 hours before or directly** after the event. Failure to do so will result in a zero in the grade book. I understand emergencies and sickness, so if an event is missed and communication is established, make-up work will be assigned in place of the performance. No points will be lost.
 - c. Playing Tests/Written Work (10-25 points). Playing tests and written work will be given at least once quarterly; more if needed. Written work will be given in class and only becomes homework if a student needs more time. Otherwise it will be collected at the end of class.
 - d. Practice Charts (10 points weekly). Attached to this note is a practice chart packet. Each week students will be asked to keep track of their practice time at home and mark it on their charts. At the beginning of each week (Tuesday in class), I will check charts and look for a minimum of 40 minutes of at-home practice time. More than 40 minutes will be rewarded with a bonus point, less than 40 minutes will lower the grade; 2 points per 10 minutes of missing time. Practicing can include writing in notes to prepare for the next class, practicing just fingerings or playing the instrument. Practicing at home is essential for success in beginning band, so missing practice chart checks will **greatly affect** the final grade given each quarter.

Contact Information:

Please contact me with any questions or concerns. E-mail or texting works best, as it is difficult to hear my phone ringing if class is in session. Also, PLEASE utilize the school website. It has a calendar of dates for the entire year, and a copy of this information.

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