



District 204 Music Education

“Prelude”

October 2016

Dear Parents of Fifth Grade Students:

During November, December and January, fifth graders will experience *Prelude* during their general music class. *Prelude* is an in-depth study of band and orchestra instruments. At the end of the process, students will be given the opportunity to select an appropriate instrument to begin learning in sixth grade. Today, your child was given a brief introduction to all of the instruments, including strings, woodwinds, brass, and percussion in our demonstration assembly.

In the next few weeks, students will obtain more instruction during their general music class. During this time, all students will receive a thorough review of each of the instruments offered in band and orchestra. This is a hands on experience. Students will hold each of the instruments. Eventually, students will have the opportunity to try playing several instruments of their choice. Throughout this time, music teachers will be assessing which instruments best match a student’s interest, physical attributes and cognitive preference. At the end of this *Prelude* period, music teachers will help students make their final choice. Students electing band or orchestra as part of their 6th grade exploratory options will begin studying their instrument on the first day of sixth grade in middle school.

On Thursday, November 3rd, 2016 at 7:00pm, an informational meeting will be held at Gregory Middle School. During this 30 minute meeting, parents will be provided with an overview of the *Prelude* program as well as the instrumental music (band/orchestra) and vocal music (choir) courses offered at Gregory.

Final registration for 6th grade band and orchestra will be held at Gregory Middle School on February 2nd, 2017 between 4:00-8:00pm. More information about the registration process will be available during *Prelude*.

Attached to this letter is a form that we ask you fill out with your student to help us get to know your young musician better. **Please have your student return the attached form to their classroom teacher by Friday, November 11th.**

We look forward to meeting you at the informational meeting. If you have any questions about *Prelude*, the instrument selection process, or enrollment in 6th Grade music classes, do not hesitate to email or call us.

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**5th Grade Music
Student Information Survey**

Please complete and return to your classroom teacher by Friday, November 13, 2015

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Student Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Home Street Address/City/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Email Address: _____

5th Grade Classroom Teacher: _____

5th Grade General Music Teacher: _____

Which District 204 high school will your student attend? (please circle)

Metea Valley H.S.

Neuqua Valley H.S.

Waubonsie Valley H.S.

TO BE COMPLETED BY A PARENT/GUARDIAN:

Were you or any family members in the school choir, band or orchestra? Yes No

If yes, please explain: _____

What do you hope your child will gain by being a member of the band or orchestra?

Describe your student's personality, interests or anything else you would like us to know that might help in guiding your child in the selection of an instrument: _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE STUDENT:

**Has anyone in your family, including grandparents, learned to play a musical instrument?
(Relation/Instrument)** _____

**Do you currently play a musical instrument (piano/keyboard, acoustic guitar, bass guitar, etc.)?
How long have you been playing this instrument? Do you perform at home, at school, in church,
with a community group, etc.?** _____

Are you a member of your elementary school choir or a church/community choir?
 Yes No

Circle the instruments you are most excited to try during the Prelude program:

Violin	Flute	Trumpet	Percussion
Viola	Oboe	Horn	
Cello	Clarinet	Trombone	
String Bass	Saxophone	Baritone	
		Tuba	

What is your favorite pizza topping? _____

How would your teacher describe the inside of your desk? _____

What is your favorite free-time activity? _____

Name a movie, television show, or video game that has music you really like: _____
