

August 7, 2024

Dear Parents,

I am excited to invite you to attend Bristol's 5th-grade parent band meeting scheduled for Monday, September 9th, at 6:30 pm in the large gym to learn more about our band program!

During the end of last school year, I had the opportunity to meet with all incoming 5th-grade students to discuss with them the exciting possibility of joining our band program!

The information shared with 5th-grade band students included the following:

- **Reviewing last year's [5th grade band interest card](#)!**
- **Rehearsal times:** 5th Grade Band rehearses twice a week for thirty minutes.
- **Small Group Lessons:** All band students get a small group 20-minute instructional lesson during their encore period to help them learn how to play their instrument.
- Reminding them that no prior music training is needed and any student may join.
- **Instruments:** If students already own an instrument, they may use it in our band. If it is needed to rent an instrument, a representative from Pacetti's Music will be at this 5th Grade Band Parent Meeting to assist you in the rental process.
- **Scheduled Concert:** The first concert of simple beginner songs is scheduled for December 2024.

Additional Band Resources:

- [Army Instrument Demonstration for Beginning Band Video](#): Last year, most 4th-grade students watched the Army instrument demonstration video in their general music class to see what instruments they enjoyed most and would possibly like to try this year. If your child did not get to see that video or if you would like to review that video with your child to confirm what instrument they might enjoy playing in the band.
- ["How playing an instrument benefits your brain" Video](#): This video explains the fireworks that go off in musicians' brains when they play and examines some of the long-term positive effects of this mental workout.
- [2022 Bristol's Advanced Band Milwaukee Bucks Game Half-Court "The Star Spangled Banner" performance Video](#): As our band students progress in skill in grades 6th- 8th, there are also very fun and exciting opportunities for them such as performances in our jazz ensembles, school and community events as well small and large group competitions for awards.
- [Bristol's Band Program Webpage](#): Videos for many of these can be seen on our Bristol band website. I hope you decide to have your child join our 5th grade band program this year. Please reach out to me if you have any questions at murphy.joh@bristol.k12.wi.us.

Have a great school year!

Mr. Murphy
Bristol Band Director