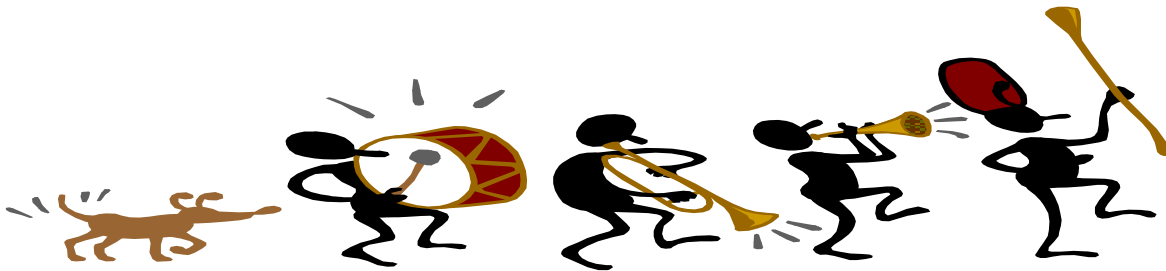


**To:** Fourth Grade Parents and Students  
**From:** Mrs. Becky Montour, GMS Band Director  
**Re:** Upcoming Band Recruitment for 4<sup>th</sup> graders  
**Date:** April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Welcome to the Beginning Band Program! It is at this time of the year that we begin the 4<sup>th</sup> grade recruitment process. Since the end of the school is such a busy time, I'm trying to get a head start on next year's band.



The first step in 4<sup>th</sup> grade recruitment is the "Selmer Music Guidance Survey". This survey allows us to check each student for pitch accuracy (very important when learning a brass instrument) and for rhythm accuracy (incredibly important for the drum section) as well as for general listening skills and ability to follow directions. This survey will take approximately 30 minutes. Each student will be asked to bring a sharpened pencil (no ink pens please.) The remainder of the time will be spent explaining the band program and demonstrating instruments.

### Upcoming Dates Include:

**May 11th** - "Selmer Music Guidance Survey". This will be given during the school day in the GMS cafeteria. If you are unable to come at this time, please contact me right away. I will make you a tape to take the survey at home. The sixth grade band will also perform and answer questions. *St. Mary's Students will also try out instruments at this time.*

**May 18th** - Percussion auditions for all 4<sup>th</sup> graders interested. We can only take a set number of percussionists. **This is the only chance to try out and I will accept no more after the decision is made.**

**May 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>** - Instrument fittings during school hours. Mrs. Montour and Mrs. patch (GMS Band Directors) will be at the school meeting with students individually to help them decide which instrument is best suited for them. All interested students will be assigned a 10 minute slot of time.

**May 26<sup>th</sup> 7 pm** - **Parent Informational Meeting** - at Greenville Middle School. This is your chance to learn everything you would like about the HASD Band Program. Both band directors will be available for questions.

If you have any questions, please call me at Greenville Middle School 757-7159 ext. 54120 or email me at [beckymontour@hasd.org](mailto:beckymontour@hasd.org).

# 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Sign Up Sheet

Dear Parents—

My name is Mrs. Becky Montour. I am the 5<sup>th</sup> grade band director at Greenville Middle School. During the week of May 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> I will be focusing on the recruitment of next year's 5<sup>th</sup> grade students—your children.

Please take a few minutes to fill out this sheet and then return it to your child's classroom teacher by **May 11th**. We will have a (short) parent meeting on May 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the middle school (please mark your calendars). Even if you decide not to join band, please return this sheet so I don't miss anyone who might be interested. Keep in mind, in 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade, every student must be in band or choir. This is their only chance to try being in band.

Thank you,  
Mrs. Montour

Student Name-- \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher-- \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature-- \_\_\_\_\_ Phone- \_\_\_\_\_

## Band Interest:

- Yes, my child is interested in joining band
- No, my child will not be able to join the band

If you checked "Yes" above, please continue. List you child's 3 top choices for instruments. Make sure that you list them in order of interest (starting with "1" as the instrument he or she is most interested in). If they are open to all possibilities, please just write "any".

## Instrument Interest:

\_\_\_-Flute \_\_\_-Clarinet \_\_\_-Oboe \_\_\_-Alto Sax \_\_\_-Tenor Sax \_\_\_-Trumpet

\_\_\_-French Horn \_\_\_-Trombone \_\_\_-Baritone \_\_\_-Tuba \_\_\_-Percussion

## Additional information that will aid the instrument fitting/selection process:

Does your child have any other musical experience outside of what is offered in your school music class? If yes, please list (i.e.—piano lessons (how many years, Lawrence girl choir etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Do you already own a musical instrument or know somebody that will lend or sell you one? If yes, please explain-- \_\_\_\_\_

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