

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I, Mr. Martinez, am overseeing the after school Band at Eagleside Elementary. The purpose of Band is to provide the opportunity for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students to learn a musical instrument in a fun and safe environment that they can play through middle school, high school, college, and their entire lives. There is no experience needed, we all start at the very beginning! We will learn the notes on the staff, how to play the instrument correctly to get a good sound, and teach all the fingerings.

As a member, he/she will be expected to attend all after school rehearsals with all their materials. They will need to have their instrument, their book, a pencil, and a wonderful attitude. The instruments that are taught will be Flute, Clarinet, Trumpet, Baritone, and Percussion (bells and some snare drum and bass drum). The book that every student will need is called "**Traditions of Excellence: Book 1.**"

There will be a special Band Evening where students will have the ability to try out and rent the instruments, and to purchase the book. The company that will be renting out the instruments is called "Graner Music." The Band Evening will be on **Tuesday, October 12<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 p.m to 6:00 p.m.** You can come at any time during this period and leave when you are finished.

If by chance you cannot attend this night, there are still many options to rent an instrument. You may also rent one at a different location. Meeker music, located on 85/87 next two Wal-Mart, is another great location to rent an instrument.

Band will be held after school on Mondays from 2:30pm – 3:25pm. The first day of band will be *Monday, October 18th*. There is no after school transportation for this club; you will need to arrange a ride or permission to walk home after school. If you have any questions, please let us know by calling the school at **719-382-1520** or e-mailing me, Mr. Martinez, directly **at [lorenmartinez@ffc8.org](mailto:lorenmartinez@ffc8.org)**

Musically yours,

**Mr. Martinez**

**Elementary Music**

