

**Grand Island Central School District Music Department**  
1100 Ransom Road, Grand Island, New York 14072  
Phone: (716) 773-8800

September 8, 2023

To the Parents of \_\_\_\_\_:

Welcome to the 2023-24 school year at Kaegebein Elementary School! As we were going through the Fourth and Fifth Grade classrooms today, your child showed an interest in participating in our band program this year. We are delighted that your child wishes to participate, and hope that he/she will be able to join us!

The instrument that your child has selected is: \_\_\_\_\_. I am sorry, but certain instruments are not available due to already high numbers that currently play them.

In order to join our band program, the following will need to be completed as soon as possible:

- Instrumental Music registration form (attached to this packet). **MUST be returned by WEDNESDAY, September 13<sup>th</sup>.**
- Acquiring of an instrument. The school has many instruments available for rental at this time. For others that may not be available, you are free to obtain an instrument from any source you wish. **ON THE REVERSE OF THIS LETTER IS A LIST OF ACCEPTABLE BRAND NAMES FOR EACH INSTRUMENT, AND A LIST OF RECOMMENDED STORES. PLEASE CONSULT THIS INFORMATION TO HELP YOU WITH OBTAINING AN INSTRUMENT.**

Attached to this letter is also a schedule for next Wednesday's orientation lessons and the schedule/permission slip for after-school Beginning Band. Please return that permission slip by Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>.

If you have any questions, please contact me through e-mail at: [mikerobertson@gicsd.org](mailto:mikerobertson@gicsd.org), or school phone (716-773-8840 ext. 6030 – voicemail 5944). You may also call or text my cell phone (716-238-3672).

Thank you for your support of the Kaegebein Instrumental Music Department, and I look forward to working with your child this year!

Sincerely,



Mike Robertson  
Director of Bands – Kaegebein Elementary School

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**Recommended Stores - These stores have served Grand Island for many years:**

Twin Village Music  
44 Central Ave.  
Lancaster, NY 14086  
(716) 683-4879

Matt's Music  
937 Oliver St.  
North Tonawanda, NY 14120  
(716) 693-7717

Northtown Music  
3648 Harlem Rd.  
Cheektowaga, NY 14215  
(716) 838-3835

\*\*Other area music stores have rental plans similar to the ones listed above; however, access to services such as repairs are the responsibility of the parent.

**Acceptable instrument brand names**

*FLUTE:* Armstrong, Gemeinhardt, Artley, Selmer, King, Yamaha  
*CLARINET:* Buffet (Evette), LeBlanc (Normandy, Vito), King, Selmer, Yamaha  
*ALTO SAX:* Conn, King, Selmer, Vito, Yamaha  
*TRUMPET:* Bach, Conn, Holton, King, Olds, Selmer, Yamaha  
*TROMBONE:* Bach, Conn, Holton, King, Olds, Selmer, Yamaha  
*PERCUSSION:* specify: "Multiple Percussion Kit" (bells, snare drum, "2B" drumsticks, stand)  
Ludwig, Selmer, Premier, Slingerland

**PLEASE NOTE:** The prices offered by discount stores and preferred member clubs, as well as some on-line outlets, are very tempting. However, we have found many of these instruments break down with normal usage, many of their parts are not replaceable, and contain metals of low quality which cannot be soldered, wear very quickly, and break very easily. Please consider this if you must choose an instrument **not** on our approved list! *Thank you!!*

# Instrumental Music Registration Form

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Classroom Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Instrument \_\_\_\_\_

Please check all appropriate lines:

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like my child to begin lessons this SUMMER

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like my child to begin lessons this FALL

\_\_\_\_\_ After careful consideration, we have decided not to enroll our child in the instrumental music program at this time.

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\_\_\_\_\_ I have obtained information to rent an instrument, and will proceed in this process (summer and fall beginners)

\_\_\_\_\_ I already have an instrument for my child to use:  
\_\_\_\_\_ that is "used" and being checked by the school  
\_\_\_\_\_ that is "new" and has been rented or purchased from an approved dealer

\_\_\_\_\_ I will obtain an instrument from another source and have it checked by the school instructor for acceptability

\_\_\_\_\_ My child has been placed on a school-rented instrument (French horn, baritone, tuba, cello, bass). Arrangements will be made through the school instructor for rental of this lesson.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to discuss my child's particular situation with you before a final decision is made. I will contact you at school between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_