



## Cheat Lake Elementary Beginning Band

We will start beginning band classes as soon as the 2011-2012 school year starts. Band classes will meet from 9:00-9:40 every day. Not every student will have band every day, however. Students who play woodwinds (flute, clarinet, alto saxophone) will have band Mondays and Tuesdays, and students who play brass instruments (trumpet, trombone) will have band Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Once students are ready, we will have full band on Fridays. Full band Fridays will probably start sometime in late October or early November.

## Instruments, books, etc.

Fifth grade band students may start on any of the instruments listed on the other side of this sheet. No instrument is necessarily easier or more difficult than any other, but each instrument will present its own challenges over time...some earlier, some later.

Student will be asked to pick their top three (3) choices, and Mr. Palmer will have each student try their choices and recommend the instrument that will provide the student with the greatest chance for success.

*Each child is different, and not every student has the physical makeup to be successful on every instrument, so while students are more likely to be successful on an instrument that they WANT to play, it is important that they leave their options open so that they can play an instrument upon which they will be more likely to achieve success.*

We do not start students on percussion at CLES. Students wishing to play percussion may audition for Mr. Cappellini in the sixth grade at Mountaineer Middle School. Mr. Palmer and Mr. Cappellini both believe that spending a year (or more) on a wind instrument will give future percussionists a more well-rounded musical education which will benefit them down the road.

Mr. Palmer will distribute information about how to get a band book and instrument (and what to avoid when selecting an instrument) when students come in to try different instruments during their music classes the week of May 2-6.

# Instrument Choice

Select **THREE** instrument choices. Place a number for **1<sup>st</sup>** preference, **2<sup>nd</sup>** preference, and **3<sup>rd</sup>** preference in the space next to the instruments listed.

Once Mr. Palmer has had a chance to evaluate each student, he will make a recommendation as to what instrument may provide the best opportunity for success.

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## Woodwinds:

\_\_\_\_\_ Flute 

\_\_\_\_\_ Clarinet 

\_\_\_\_\_ Alto Saxophone 

## Brasses:

\_\_\_\_\_ Trumpet 

\_\_\_\_\_ Trombone 

**PLEASE BRING THIS FORM WITH YOU TO MUSIC CLASS DURING THE WEEK OF MAY 2-6.**