

# 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band – Important Update and Information

Dear 6<sup>th</sup> grade band members and parents or guardians,

Greetings from the band directors at Red Hawk Elementary! We are off to a **GREAT** start with this class and are very excited to see their musical potential as they continue to grow and mature. The students are very excited about their next performance and we know you will be blown away by their progress!

**Our next performance will take place on Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 P.M. in the High School Auditorium (change of venue from the last concert).** Here are some important details about the performance:

- Call time for students – **6:45pm** in the High School band room (signs and volunteers will show where to go)
- Dress – formal or ‘Sunday Best’ (we ask for no jeans or printed t-shirts)
- **ALL STUDENTS MUST ATTEND** – this is like a ‘test’ grade
- Students need music and instruments, which will be loaded and moved to the High School that day on our band trailer.
- Parents, friends and family members are encouraged to attend – no admission charge
- Length will be no more than 30 minutes
- As an added bit of fun, we will ask that parents and guardians be willing to perform on this concert. Your child should come home within the next few days and ask if they can teach you a song (#19, Hot Cross Buns) out of their “Traditions of Excellence” book. Please take the time to sit down with them and allow them to teach you to play. We guarantee a good time will be had and you will enjoy learning and performing. Your students will enjoy the experience and will benefit from having taught you to play

We hope that you will join us as we display this wonderful group of 6<sup>th</sup> graders! We will be teaching the students about proper concert etiquette and make them responsible for knowing when and where they have to be. If there are any conflicts with this concert, we ask that you do your best to work them out and please communicate with the band directors before the day of the concert so we can plan accordingly. As stated earlier, participation is a *necessity* for every band member.

A great way for any student to get ahead is to take private lessons from a college student or professional tutor from our area. We will be giving more information at the concert and hopefully have a few instrument teachers there that you can meet and talk with. Additionally, the Cedar Springs Music Boosters are offering a rebate for students taking private lessons. The boosters will reimburse you for up to \$3 per lesson. Private lessons are a great way to further your child’s music education and are highly encouraged.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and we hope to see you at our next performance. We hope to build on this relationship and experience as your student has now become a part of the rich history of the Cedar Springs Band Program.

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**Please verify that this information has been communicated and return this portion of the slip for participation points!**

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**Student Name**

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**Parent/Guardian Signature**