

QUARTER NOTES

The Quarterly Newsletter of the F.E. Peacock Middle School Band Program

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Fall Band Registration—Early Deadline is May 27

REGISTRATION UNDERWAY

Band enrollment for the 2011-12 school year is underway.

If you have not yet registered, please complete and return the enclosed registration form.

To reward your prompt registration, a 25% discount is being offered.

Register by Friday, May 27 and pay \$45.00. After May 27, the fee reverts to \$60.00.

The registration form is also available at: www.itascamusic.com.



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Memorial Day Parade Protocol—May 30

The parade protocol for Monday, May 30 is as follows:

- Meet at Franzen between 8:30-8:45 am
- Wear uniforms, no medals
- If no rain, leave your case at home
- If rain, bring your instrument case
- Parents, pick up your child after we march

We will step-off from Franzen at 9:30 am and proceed to Orchard and Maple, just past the train station. The dispersal location is the District 10 Administrative Center—200 N. Maple Street.

Although we meet at Franzen, the band room will be open from 7:30-8:00 am for emergencies only.

Additional information, including the parade permission form, will be posted online after May 16.

Please visit the music booster website at that time for details.

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URGENT—Return School Instruments by May 20

This summer, Peacock will receive new floor coverings. Consequently, all school-owned band instruments must be returned no later than May 20. This will allow Mr. Loest time to reconcile Peacock's instrument

inventory before the band room is emptied and its carpet replaced.

School-owned instruments may include: Baritones, Baritone and Tenor Saxophones, Bass Clarinets, Bassoons, Bell Kits, Drum

Pads, F Horns, Valve and Slide Trombones, and Tubas and Tuba Tamer Stands.

Please return these instruments to the Peacock office during regular school hours.

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The mission of the District 10 band program is to provide a quality instrumental music education in a nurturing environment. The band program is dedicated to fostering aesthetic growth as an essential part of a child's total education. The band program exists to facilitate the highest level of musical achievement through a comprehensive curriculum, in keeping with each child's interests, needs, and abilities.

We're on the Web!

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Summer Activities—Private Lessons and Camp Scholarships

PRIVATE LESSONS

Private instruction has a long and honored tradition in performance-based music. While learning to play an instrument can be fun, it can also be challenging.

Unlike other domains of learning, performance-based music engages auditory, visual and kinesthetic learning. In band, students must constantly listen to the overall, as well as the subtle details of the music. Students must also read and interpret the complexities of modern music notation, while manipulating keys, valves, slides, or mallets.

Ironically, one of the most engaging involvements in the

school curriculum—playing a musical instrument—receives the least amount of classroom time. In spite of this, our students succeed.

To give your student the best possible head start, we highly recommend private lessons.

Whether a student becomes a music major or not, private lessons will equip students with the skills necessary to get the most from the music. And when the artistic richness embedded in the music is uncovered, playing becomes more gratifying and success is achieved.

For a complete list of private instructors, please visit: www.itascamusic.com.

SUMMER CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS

It is not too late to register your child for summer band, choir or theater camp. In addition, the Itasca Music Booster Association is providing partial tuition scholarships to interested campers. Just visit the music booster website, find a suitable camp, and submit your scholarship request. Please visit: www.itascamusic.com/summercamps.html.

The deadline to apply for a scholarship is May 13, 2011.