

# Join the Dayton Oaks & West Friendship Elementary School Jazz Band!!



## **Who can join the Jazz Band?**

- ♪ 5th graders and some 4th graders who have been playing one of the following instruments at least one year:
  - Flute, clarinet, alto saxophone, tenor saxophone, baritone saxophone, trumpet, trombone, baritone, tuba, guitar, piano, bass or percussion
  - We especially need trumpets, trombones, percussion, and saxophones!
- ♪ All instruments other than piano, guitar and bass must be a current member of the WFES Band

## **When and where does Jazz Band practice?**

- ♪ Every **Thursday from 4:10PM–5:10PM** beginning on November 8<sup>th</sup>
- ♪ Practice will be held in the **Dayton Oaks ES Band Room**
- ♪ Students must be **picked up promptly at 5:10PM**. (If the drop off/pick up time is a problem and you cannot find a carpool, please let me know.)
- ♪ Please plan to attend all rehearsals. Participation in the group may be re-evaluated for those students who are frequently late or miss more than three practices

## **Do I need to audition?**

- ♪ 5th grade students who have already played in band for one year can automatically join the Jazz Band
- ♪ 4th grade band students and beginning 5th grade band students will need to audition
  - Play a piece of your choice and prepare a Bb concert scale. Students may also be asked to sight read some music
- ♪ All bass, piano and guitar players –
  - Must audition, should have at least one year of private lessons, and be currently receiving additional instruction
  - Auditions for bass, piano and guitar players:
    - **Wednesday, October 28th from 3:50PM - 4:50PM** in the West Friendship ES Band Room
    - Play a piece of your choice and prepare a Bb and Eb scale. Students may also be asked to sight read some music
    - All students staying after school for auditions will need a note for their teacher and need to be **promptly picked up by 4:50 PM**
- ♪ Auditions for drum set parts will be held only if the number of students applying exceeds the available parts (Although it is not required, it is **highly encouraged** that any percussionist who would like to play drum set in the jazz band receives additional instruction from a specialist and/or purchases Vic Firth's "Groove Essentials" by Tommy Igoe)

## **What Do I Need To Purchase for Jazz Band?**

- ♪ All Jazz Band students should purchase:
  - "First Year Charts Collection for Jazz Ensemble" published by Belwin Jazz (A division of Alfred Publishing) – DO NOT PURCHASE UNTIL MS. BEJM CONFIRMS WITH YOU THROUGH EMAIL WHAT PART YOU WILL BE PLAYING
  - "Essential Elements for Jazz Ensemble" by Mike Steinell (Hal Leonard Publishing Corp.) - DO NOT PURCHASE UNTIL MS. BEJM CONFIRMS WITH YOU THROUGH EMAIL WHAT PART YOU WILL BE PLAYING
- ♪ Guitar and Bass players may need to purchase an amplifier and/or pick up

**Jazz Band Permission Slip**  
***My Child is Interested in Joining the Jazz Band!***

Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_

School:      Dayton Oaks ES      West Friendship ES

Grade:      5<sup>th</sup>      4<sup>th</sup>

Homeroom: \_\_\_\_\_

Instrument: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address and home phone number (if not already a band member):

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you receiving private instruction on your instrument?    YES    NO

If yes, please list your private teacher's name and phone number:

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Parent/Guardian Signature:

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*Please return the completed form by no later than Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>*

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