



ATTENTION FOURTH GRADE PARENTS

Important News on Instrument Assessments/Health Care Precautions

Starting tomorrow, Wednesday, May 6, Prairie's fourth graders will have the opportunity to try out musical instruments in preparation for fifth grade band. In order to reach all 4th grade students, this process will continue through May 11. During this exciting music opportunity, I want to assure you that Prairie music instructors will take every precaution to prevent the spread of germs and viruses.

Using procedures recommended by the health department, Prairie band instructors will sanitize every instrument before and after each student use. Students and instructors will also use hand sanitizers frequently during the process.

Parents may request in writing that their child opt out of trying the band instruments at this time if they are concerned with health issues. **If your child has experienced flu symptoms: fever (over 100 degrees F.), cough, sore throat, runny nose, headaches, muscle pain, vomiting, diarrhea or has traveled to Mexico in the last 10-14 days, please do not allow them to try the band instruments at this time.**

If you wish to opt out at this time, please provide a written note to the child's regular classroom teacher and indicate that your child is interested in being in band next fall but does not wish to participate in the assessment at this time.

Parents of students who opt out should contact the band instructors when they are comfortable with their child trying the instruments which will take place in late May or the first week of the next school year. Percussion, alto saxophone, oboe, and bassoon will probably not be an option for students who do not try instruments this week.

We are excited to have the fourth graders embark on this opportunity to play a band instrument this week. Be assured that our top priority is the health and safety of your child!

Wendy Morton, Mike Davies, Jeff Schafer
Prairie Middle School Band Directors

Reminder: Instrument recommendations will be sent home on Wednesday, May 13. Band Open House nights are May 18 & 19, 4:00-7:00 to officially sign up for fifth grade band!