

## **BEGINNING BAND**

Instrumental music instruction will be available to all children in fourth grade or higher who show an interest in the band program.

Group lessons for beginners are scheduled once a week and are held during the school day. It is school's policy that the child is expected to attend his/her lesson unless a note is sent from the classroom teacher prior to the lesson. Assignments for practice at home are given each lesson.

### **Beginner Band group rehearsals**

Students will begin rehearsals after a couple lessons. Rehearsals are held twice a week in the afternoon at Millburn Elementary from 2:30 – 3:45 P.M on Mondays and Thursdays. Each band member is expected to attend all of these rehearsals. Shuttle Bus service is provided for students to go home each day for no cost.

**Beginner Band Uniform:** There is no uniform for this band. However, the students will "dress up" for all performances. No jeans, t-shirts, or tennis shoes.

### **REQUIREMENTS FOR BAND**

The first requirement for band membership has to be the desire on the part of the student to play an instrument and take part in band. The student must be willing to

practice at home, attend ALL lessons, rehearsals, and performances. When making this commitment, the student must realize the he/she is not only responsible to himself/herself, but also to the rest of the band. Each player is a necessary part of the band and band members come to depend upon one another in performance. Each student must have an instrument of adequate quality. Instruments may be obtained by renting from a music store, buying, or renting a school-owned instrument. (See Mr. Anderson for a recommended list if purchasing). Students are required to buy their own lesson books and supplies such as reeds, oil, cork grease etc. For your convenience, these supplies may be purchased online at [Deerfieldmusic.com](http://Deerfieldmusic.com) and will be delivered to school.

## **PHILOSOPHY OF THE BAND PROGRAM**



The Millburn Band Program was developed to offer children of this district an opportunity to enrich their education and enjoy the experience of music. Through the playing of an instrument, the child will develop self-discipline and at the same time, an appreciation of working together to attain a common goal. The study of an instrument requires the student to read a new language (one of musical notes); coordinate hands, fingers, and embouchure; physically feel the rhythm; and express this through his/her instrument in an artistic manner. Through participation in the band, the student will build self-confidence, develop a sense of responsibility to the group, and enjoy many worthwhile musical activities. This experience will provide enjoyment, a better understanding of music, a host of memorable experiences and new long-lasting friendships. As the trend toward community band continues to grow in this country, there is the opportunity to play one's instrument for a lifetime.