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INFORMATION ABOUT THE FALL 2005 MESA SCHOOL BAND CLASSES

Beginning Band - Grades 4 through 8

For students desiring to learn a Band instrument.

Instruction will be available on the following instruments: Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Drums, and Bells. Instruction on other Band instruments may be available. Please discuss with the Band Director. Each student will need the Standard of Excellence Book 1. The enhanced version of Standard of Excellence Book 1 (enhanced version not required) includes a CD which could be very helpful to the beginning student. **Beginning drummers** must have one year of experience on a melody instrument (e.g. clarinet, trumpet, piano, bells) or a beginning drummer may sign up for bells the first semester and work on drums the second semester. Drum students will need a pair of drum sticks and a practice pad.

Intermediate Band - Grades 4 through 8

For students who have at least one year experience on a band instrument. Students desiring to learn a second instrument should start in the beginning band. A student may transfer into the Intermediate band when they can demonstrate their ability to play their instrument at the intermediate level.

Advanced Band – Grades 4 through 8

For students who can demonstrate, through an audition, the ability to perform at an advanced level on the instrument of their choice. Instruction will be available on all band instruments.

Rehearsal Time:

Beginning Band will rehearse on **Tuesday** from
12:15 to 1:00 PM starting **October 4, 2005**

Intermediate Band will rehearse on **Thursday** from
7:30 AM to 8:20 AM starting **September 15, 2005**

Advanced Band will rehearse on a day and time agreed upon by the band members who pass the audition.

Equipment: Band members will need to supply their own instrument. They may rent, buy, or borrow a band instrument of their choice. There are local music stores which can assist you. Sheet music will be provided by the director.

Donation for the Beginning and Intermediate Band is:

\$125.00 for each semester or \$250.00 per school year, paid in advance to: Mesa PFO

Students who audition and are accepted for the Advanced Band are required to participate in the Intermediate Band. There is no additional cost for students

to be in both Intermediate and Advanced Bands.

Parents are always welcome to sit in on any class and are invited to attend the first rehearsal to meet Mr. Rhymes. For questions please call (805) 484-8050 or 231-1303 and leave a message. Your call will be returned as soon as possible.