



**Califon Public School
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Dear Parents/Guardians of Prospective Musicians:

YOU CAN PROVIDE THE BEST OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUR CHILD! YOUR 4th GRADER MAY NOW BECOME A PART OF OUR GROWING BAND PROGRAM! Learning to play a musical instrument has the educational advantages of developing a child's critical thinking skills, mental and physical coordination as well as responsibility and self-discipline. I hope that you seriously consider this endeavor as a part of your child's education!

This week, the students participated in a musical instrument demonstration where they could hear and even try each instrument offered in our program. Upon a personal interview your child _____ is interested in playing the _____ in the 4th grade program next year!

Your child will receive a weekly music lesson, but you will be responsible for providing his or her instrument. You already may have an instrument or know where to borrow one. If not, it is recommended that you rent one on a trial basis for a four-month period. The advantage of this is that you can exchange the instrument for another if your child proves incompatible with it. All rental payments apply towards the purchase, and you can receive a discount on the balance if purchased outright anytime after the trial rental period.

Attached is an application form for our program along with school-approved rental purchase plans from a local music companies for your review. However, you may rent from the company of your choice. Please read everything carefully. If you are interested in enrolling your child, please complete the enclosed **Instrumental Music Application Form** and have it returned to the school as soon as possible. You may then **mail in** the rental form with a check in the correct amount or visit that company and personally pick up your instrument. If your child plans to take summer lessons, the instrument should be picked up the week before the first lesson. Your speed in returning the forms and obtaining the instrument will be greatly appreciated because of scheduling purposes.

Thank you very much for your cooperation and support. I hope I have answered any questions you might have had. If you have any further questions, please feel free to email me at jdthomps5@comcast.net or contact me at home (908-475-4277). May we work together to provide a lasting musical experience for your child!!

Musically yours,

Debbie Thompson
Instrumental Music Teacher