



NOVEMBER LETTER FROM BAND:

Our fundraiser was a success! Students brought in over \$1000 profit!! I'd like to recognize our top sellers in each band class: Ashley N. in 8th grade sold \$144; Alyse D. in 7th grade sold \$216; Valerie R. in 6th grade sold \$96; and Katelyn J. in 5th grade sold \$136. As promised, these top sellers will get to enjoy a pizza party the week before our Winter Break. Thank you to everyone that purchased these amazingly sweet items. I'd also like to thank those that made donations to help benefit our band program. **Items will be available for pick up after school on Tuesday, November 19 (I will stay until 5pm) and before school on Wednesday, November 20 (beginning at 7am for your convenience)!**

As we approach the halfway point of our academic year, I extend a sincere vote of thanks to everyone who has made it possible for our music program to thrive and prosper. Your investment of time, effort and energy is the key to our success.

With gratitude,

Dr. Caryn Kunz
Director of Bands
Sunset Ridge School

In speaking of his renowned Theory of Relativity, Albert Einstein said, "It occurred to me by intuition that music was the driving force behind that intuition and my discovery was the result of my musical perception."

Regarding Practice Records:

Students have been required to supply records of their practice during the week. The use of practice records will cease as of right now. Students are invited to continue using them for their own benefit, however, they are not needed for a grade. It is my hope that this helps them better organize the time they are to put in on their instrument outside of class time. These records will still be made available for download on the website.

If your student is missing any practice records (check on power schools), they may earn a higher grade by turning in a new record for the remaining weeks of the year. They will be credited for the records they turn in, thus removing the zeroes. Let me know if you have questions regarding this...



Regarding Assessments:

Students are regularly assessed in band classes. These assessments happen in a variety of ways: playing tests ensure the student is able to perform music we are working on while giving opportunity for individual feedback; written tests allow the students to show mastery in a written form. **All tests are available for retakes.** To show mastery, a student must receive an 80% or higher. **They have until the last week of the quarter to schedule a time (12-12:30pm; 8-8:30am) for retake. It is their responsibility to schedule this time.**



Wednesday, December 11, 6:30pm WINTER CONCERT

Please mark your calendars for our Winter Concert on December 11. Students must check-in with Dr. Kunz at 6pm; 5th/6th Grade band members will meet in the band room; 7th/8th will meet in the choir room. The order of the concert will be 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade bands (in that order). Students are to remain for the entire concert to show support for their fellow band members in different grades. Each grade level will perform approximately 20 minutes of music. Can't wait to see you there!!



Musical Instrument Museum Field Trip (5th/6th Bands only)

On **Monday, December 16** I will be taking the 5th and 6th grade band members to the Musical Instrument Museum (MIM). We will leave school promptly at 9am and return around 12:30pm. This trip is FREE to students, as we were awarded a MIM grant to attend. Students need to report directly to the band room for attendance. It is asked that students pack a lunch for this day, just in case traffic prevents us from getting back in time for a cafeteria lunch. The trip will be a guided tour throughout. They will get to hear and see examples of instruments from all across the globe from all different time periods! **If you are interested in being a chaperon: you MUST have already taken the Volunteer Training Course** with the Deer Valley School District. Please let me know ASAP if you are interested and have taken that course. We are looking at around 13 chaperons needed.