

BMMS BANDS

BELLINGHAM MUSIC

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HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD SUCCEED IN BAND

December 2014 | 5th Grade

IN OUR CURRICULUM

Lessons are spent learning higher and lower tones on the instruments among other techniques. We are also learning how to play a full musical scale as well as reading music notes without writing the letters in to help.

Band Rehearsals we are continuing to learn new songs by listening and singing them first. Our big concept this month is learning *dynamics* (volume turning up or down). Give your ears a break and ask your child to play a song at a *piano* dynamic (quiet).

In the spirit of the holiday season we are learning to play *Jingle Bells*, *My Dreydl*, *Jolly Old St. Nick*, and *Up on a Housetop*. Encourage your kids to figure out other favorite holiday songs by singing first and then trying to play it, and by searching the internet for the music notation written out.

TIP: HAVE A FAMILY CONCERT

With the holiday season, set up a time for your child to perform a mini concert for the family at home. Encourage them to play the songs listed above for relatives who may be visiting this month.

By informing your child that you'd like them to perform for others, it will encourage them to play the instrument more, to be positively praised by their

audience, and to be held accountable for learning specific songs on their instruments.

WINTER CONCERT

I encourage all of you to attend the upcoming Winter Concert featuring the 7th & 8th Grade and BHS Bands and Choruses on Thursday, Dec. 11, 6:30PM at the BHS Auditorium. This will also be a celebration for Mr. Schreffler, the long-time BHS Band Director, for his dedication to seeing the student's grow into musicians over the last few decades. Mr. Schreffler still comes to BMMS several timers per week to volunteer and help me teach your kids. The concert will also include the special presentation and naming of the Harry G. Schreffler Arts Wing at BHS. [Click here to read the Bellingham Bulletin's article.](#)

Your children may be inspired by seeing what they will be able to do in the next few years. Note: the 5th & 6th Grade's Winter Concert will be held on Thursday, January 22, 2015, at 6:30 PM in the BHS Auditorium.

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