

Chinook Middle School
5th Grade Band Invitational
Wednesday, March 21, 2012
6:30 PM Rehearsal, 7:00 PM Concert

Dear students and parents of 5th grade band students,

You are invited to participate in the Eighth Annual Chinook Band Invitational at Chinook Middle School on Wednesday, March 21. All band students from Clyde Hill, Enatai, Medina and Woodridge Elementary Schools are invited to participate. Along with this informational letter, each student will receive sheet music for three songs (*Time Traveler*, *Lamb Chop Rock* and *Fanfare and March*) and information about the website that has recordings of the pieces we are playing on it.

The only thing students need to do in order to participate is to practice their music on their own between now and the concert and then show up at Chinook Middle School on Wednesday, March 21st at about 6:15 PM. We will meet in the gymnasium, organize the seating and then have a short rehearsal at 6:30 PM. During the rehearsal and the performance, 5th grade students will be joined by Chinook Band students who will play along with them. There will be a total of about 250-275 students playing at the same time, it's quite a sight to behold!

Schedule for Band Invitational

January – students receive their music

Jan./Feb./Mar. – students should individually practice their music to learn their part

Mar. 21 – 6:15 PM – students arrive at Chinook Middle School and go to the gym

Mar. 21 – 6:30 PM – students are joined by Chinook 6th / 7th graders for short rehearsal

Mar. 21 – 7:00 PM – concert begins, students perform and stay to hear rest of concert

(there are a few other groups playing after the 5th graders play, all students will stay to listen)

Mar. 21 – 8:15 PM – concert ends

*On the night of the concert, students should be sure to bring their **instruments, music and a music stand**. We may not need you to use your music stand, but depending on how many students show, it might be good if you have yours just in case! If you can put your name on the music stand (using tape is fine), that would be great.*

If students or parents have any questions or need more information, please don't hesitate to call or email Mr. Mahaffey at Chinook Middle School. We're looking forward to seeing all of you on March 21!

Sincerely,

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Once last thing I'd like to let students know is that although this music might seem difficult or even unplayable to some of the students, do not let that deter you from participating in this event. Don't forget that you will have an older student sitting near you to play along with you and that you don't have to play everything perfectly. This event is meant to be fun, and it has been every year!

**Recordings of the
music are available
for FREE at this
website:**

<http://www.chinookband.com/5thgradeinvite.htm>

Go to this website to listen to or
download recordings so you can
practice with them at home!