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Band Parents,

Here are a couple of reminders as we near the end of our first quarter already!

Fundraiser Reminder

Yesterday was the official end of the fundraiser for the 2016-2017 school year. Thank you to all who sold items and/or made or collected donations. If you still have forms or money out there, please make sure that gets to Mr. Hubert, to me, or to the KML front office (with my name on it) by the end of this week so I can compile everything and send the order in. All items ordered on the order sheets will be delivered to KML on Monday, November 21st and will be ready for pick up that evening at rehearsal. Items ordered online will be shipped directly to those who placed the orders.

Parent Meeting Reminder

Hopefully by now everyone has a copy of the handbook that was passed out at our parent meetings in late September. Please remember to review the information contained in the handbook with your child and sign and return the back page as soon as you can. If you need another copy of the handbook, you can find it on our website or let me know and I can get you another one.

Monday Night Rehearsals

We have had a much larger than usual number of unexcused absences from our Monday evening rehearsals so far this year. Please let us know if your child will not be in attendance so we don't worry about where they may or may not be in the building if they are not in the rehearsal room with us. Please either fill out the short online form at <https://goo.gl/324VYJ> or send me a quick email to let me know. I have also been alerted to a safety concern at pickup time. Please do not park along the sidewalk outside the doors to the music hallway or along the Performing Arts Center. That is a driveway and there is not enough room for traffic to go both ways when people are parked there. There are also concerns about students darting through cars that are parked where they shouldn't be. Please help keep everyone safe and park in the parking lot across the way and have your child meet you over there or come across the driveway to get them. Thank you!

KMLHS Band and Choir Concert (and other concerts)

It was great to see so many of our young musicians in attendance at the recent KMLHS Band and Choir concert. Don't forget that performances such as these can earn points toward the band awards we pass out at the end of the year. After any concerts or other performances where there was live music, students and parents can visit <http://goo.gl/E2iNm8> to fill out a brief form worth 5 points! If you have any questions about what types of performances count for points, please let me know.

Points for Other Performances

We recently had a number of students perform in productions of *The Music Man* with Spotlight Productions out of West Bend. It was a great opportunity for our students to get out into the community! Performances such as these, in addition to playing for chapel at school, for church, or any

other events, can earn 10 points each towards our band awards at the end of the year. Just be sure to visit <https://goo.gl/S5FFJx> to fill out the brief online form to claim your points!

SmartMusic Subscriptions

We've got a number of students who are off and running on SmartMusic already! If you decide to purchase a SmartMusic subscription for your child(ren) to use at home, please let us know so we can maximize the potential of what this fantastic program/app can really do.

Percussion Parents

A few weeks ago, all of our percussion students received information regarding the updates we need to make to their stick bags and the equipment they need in order to safely and effectively play their own instruments and the instruments at KML. Only four of our fourteen percussionists have returned the order sheet so far. If you have not yet seen this information, please ask your child for it. Please look the information over and return the bottom portion of the sheet as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please let me know.

God's Blessings on your week!

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