



MURPHY BAND NEWS

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February 2019

Dear Students and Parents:

Our beginner classes have been pushing forward with more challenging exercises. We've recently started scales and started working on more difficult music. We're discovering that as music gets harder, it is more rewarding and enjoyable. We're working hard at not giving-up when faced with challenges, but showing grit by being persistent. Great lessons for band and for life!

Our advanced band students had fantastic performances at the East Cluster Band Chamber Music Festival. Every ensemble earned a top rating from the judge, and I hope you enjoyed hearing these talented musicians in a small group setting. We're very proud of all the groups that performed!

A few groups received a special recognition at the contest. They were named EXEMPLARY performances. These groups were:

Symphonic Band Percussion

Wind Ensemble Flutes

Wind Ensemble Clarinets

Wind Ensemble Saxes

Wind Ensemble Horns

Wind Ensemble Low Brass

Wind Ensemble Percussion

Wind Ensemble Woodwind Quartet (Rahi Mehta, Poojita Murali, Dhanush Jain and Parthiv Varanasi)

A few items for the month of February:

1. Medieval Times Field Trip - on February 22 we'll be taking students to Medieval Times of Dallas. Students need to be at Murphy MS at 6:00pm to load the buses. Parents need to be back to pick up their children at 10:45pm
2. Beginners will soon have an opportunity to sign up to play a solo for you! This event will be held at our school from 4 – 6 pm and will give our students the opportunity to be in the spotlight! This is a terrific opportunity for our young musicians, and we are encouraging our students to use this performance as a musical thank you gift to their parents for their support in music this year. More details will be coming soon.

Important Dates: (See next page)



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February 22 -Medieval Times Trip

Student drop off: 6:00pm, Pick-up: 10:45pm

Wear your band shirt

February 28 - Beginner Solo Festival

After school performances of solos!

March 4 - Spring Open House

Select ensembles will perform in various locations in the building.

March 7 - Pre-UIL Concert @McMillen HS

Required for Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble. We will perform a preview of our UIL Concert and Sightreading Contest programs for you and some guest adjudicators.