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Dear 5th grade parents:

This week, I will be meeting your child in **music class**. As the music teacher, I have the opportunity to meet all 5th grade students and because I also lead other 5th grade student programs, wanted to introduce myself.

Students in 5th grade have music class twice a week for 25 minutes. We will start the year getting acquainted with my expectations for singing participation, general music reading, and instruments and beginning band. We participate in two concerts; one in December and one in May. Notes regarding specifics for those events will be sent home 2 weeks prior to the performances and can also be found on my school webpage.

In addition to teaching classroom music, I and Mr. Norrington lead **5th grade band**. We both teach lessons and work with the full band, but I handle all administrative details. I will be sending the first note about beginning band home in the next week or two, so please ask your child about it! You can also find all information on my webpage if you would like to get a head start on thinking about being in band!

I am also the **A.C.E.S** teacher at CIS. At the beginning of the 5th grade year, students that were involved in ACES at Tri-C are re-evaluated to determine continued participation in the program. Through some initial evaluative measures, some students have already been deemed ineligible and others will take the next step in our process and be further tested. Parents will receive a note soon (if you have not already) regarding the current status of your child's involvement. These notes are for parents only and are not intended for the student(s) to view without the guidance of his/her parent(s). If not a previous participant in the program, a student must be referred by his or her teacher to begin the evaluation process.

I look forward to getting to know our new students at CIS! If your child chooses to participate in band (and continues!) I will be their band director in 6th grade and I also do some work with the Jr. High and High School bands. Additionally, I teach Music Appreciation at the Junior High level, so I may meet your child again after 5th grade even if they do not choose to participate in band!

Email is the best way to contact me or you can leave a voice mail message at school. I hope you and your child have a great school year!

Sincerely,

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