

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

FACT: PARENTAL PARTICIPATION ENHANCES EVERY STUDENT'S BAND EXPERIENCE.

HELP US GIVE YOUR CHILD THE BEST EXPERIENCE HE OR SHE CAN HAVE. GET INVOLVED!

Parental involvement is critical for the success of the band program. All parents are urged to become active members of the **Band Parents** and assist in the organization's efforts. The main goals of the Band Parents Association are:

1. Raise funds to support the band program and actively participate in all programs and events.
2. Encourage the students and their program in a positive, supportive way.
3. Provide support and assistance as chaperones and role models.

Parents with specific talents or contacts that may enhance the band program are encouraged to discuss them with the director. Parents are needed for quartermaster duties (uniform maintenance and distribution), chaperones, construction, etc. Those seeking extra involvement are encouraged to run for office in the organization or attend steering committee meetings.

Parents are invited and encouraged to attend Parker Elementary Band Performances! It's good for parents to see how rehearsals run, and gives them a chance to see the staff and students in action. Parents are also strongly encouraged to attend all performances and competitions in which the band participates. This encouragement is valued by your sons and daughters, even if they don't show it!

PARENTAL SUPPORT NEEDED FOR ON-SITE PERFORMANCES

- prior to performance with equipment set up
- Chaperones for crowd control
- Drum Equipment Set up
- Beverage parents: water or as temperature dictates

PARENTAL SUPPORT NEEDED FOR AWAY PERFORMANCES

Communication

Communication between parents and the band is an important priority. In order to facilitate open communication lines, it is imperative that the association be provided with current phone numbers and e-mail addresses of both students and parents. During the years that your student is a member of the band, it is important that you advise us of any change of address, phone or e-mail. Please refer to the listing at the end of this handbook for e-mail and phone numbers.

The Band director may be contacted at the music department office. The phone number is (713) 726 3679. A voice messaging system is available at this number 24 hours a day.