



BENTON MIDDLE SCHOOL



Visual and Performing Arts Magnet

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

You are receiving this letter because your child is enrolled in **Percussion Lab** at Benton Middle School. Awesome! This class is a supplement to our Concert Band program and it is the *only* class dedicated solely to percussion in the entire district.

There are a couple things you'll need to get to set up your student for success in our Percussion Lab:

1. If you have not done so already, please visit Imperial Band Instruments or another music retailer of your choice and **rent** or **purchase a percussion kit** for your student. The percussion kit should include:
 - a. Bells
 - b. Practice pad
 - c. Stand
 - d. Case
 - e. Sticks
 - f. Mallets



There is an example of what that looks like at right.

WARNING: DO NOT purchase a "bargain" kit on Amazon. Trusted brands include Pearl, Yamaha, Ludwig, Innovative Percussion, Mapex, and Majestic. If in doubt, ask!

2. Please also purchase a copy of the book "**Five Minute Drill**" by **Ralph Hicks and Eric Rath**. It can be purchased from TapSPACE.com, JWPepper.com, or a number of other sites or stores.

Please make sure that your student has all items above and brings them to school by **next Friday, August 25th**. If you have any questions or concerns about this please do not hesitate to reach out to me directly. The school does have other (non-percussion) instruments and books available for your student to borrow at no charge on a first-come, first served basis.

Thank you!

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