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SUPPLY LIST FOR BAND

Flutes – No additional supplies needed

Clarinets & Saxophones

- These instruments require a reed (small piece of cane or wood) to make sound
- Children should have a minimum of five (5) reeds at each rehearsal
- Please purchase a box of five or ten reeds from one of the following:
 - www.amazon.com
 - Sam Ash music store (located at 160 West 48th Street in Manhattan)
- Reeds should be 2 or 2.5 strength
- Children may purchase individual reeds from Ms. Williams for \$2.00 each

Trumpets & Trombones

- Brass instruments require lubrication so that the valves and slides do not become stuck
- Please DO NOT try to oil or lubricate the instrument on your own. Let Ms. Williams take care of repairs and maintenance.

All Instruments - *Optional*

- A Metronome is an excellent practice tool. Metronomes may be purchased from the Guitar Center at the Atlantic Terminal, via Amazon.com or at almost any music store. If you have a smart phone or iPod Touch, you can also download a metronome app! Metronomes typically cost around \$10.
- Band practices can get very loud. I have begun wearing hearing protection during our rehearsals, and would recommend that students do the same. If you decide to purchase hearing protection, please look for either the over-the-ear styles (like headphones) or silicone ear buds. These styles help protect against hearing damage, but still allow the child to hear across most frequencies of sound. Please avoid the wax or foam style earplugs, as they reduce certain frequencies, and amplify others, making it difficult to hear in rehearsals.

Suggested hearing protection (both can be purchased at Amazon.com)

-Peltor Junior Ear Muffs

-Etymotic Ear Plugs

make sure you choose the child-size "Baby blues"