

April 2010

Dear Parents and Guardians,

On behalf of **for kids!** and the **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Instrumental Music Team**, we'd like to congratulate you for giving your child the opportunity to learn to play an instrument. I hope your student is enjoying the experience and that you are looking forward to hearing them demonstrate what they've learned at their performances in June.



As you may know, the 5<sup>th</sup> grade instrumental music program is funded by **for kids! because there is no longer state funding for this program. Thanks to generous donations from parents, staff and community members, sponsorships from local companies and grants from family and corporate foundations more than 800 5<sup>th</sup> graders in our district are experiencing the excitement of learning to play an instrument.**

**Salaries for our Artists in Residence Music Program cost approximately \$70,000 for half the school year.** If you've already donated to help support this program, thank you so much. If not, **please consider donating at your level of comfort so that next year's 5<sup>th</sup> graders will have the same opportunity.** Supporting 5<sup>th</sup> grade music will ensure that our excellent middle school music programs continue to thrive for years to come.

Here's how you can help:

- **Donate to for kids!** online at [www.forkidsedfund.org](http://www.forkidsedfund.org) or send your check or money order in the enclosed donation envelope.

**\$ 35 helps pay for instrument repair and supplies**

**\$ 70 funds a half year of instrumental music for one 5<sup>th</sup> grader**

**\$140 funds a year of instrumental music for one 5<sup>th</sup> grader**

- **Attend the Giants fundraiser on May 12**, watch your 5<sup>th</sup> grader sing the National Anthem before the game, and bid on Giants auction items.

Our heartfelt thanks, in advance, to everyone who can contribute to this effort.

**for kids & Your Artists in Residence Music Team**

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Jean Abeles'.

Jean Abeles  
Executive Director  
**for kids!** SMFC Education Foundation

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Mike Nagler'.

Mike Nagler  
Vice President  
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