

*East Windsor Regional School District  
Arts Education Department*



March 21, 2018

Dear Parents of current 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Students:

We are excited to welcome our incoming 6th grade students to M. H. Kreps Middle School next school year! The Kreps School is fortunate to have a long history of great music programs and our continued success is dependent upon the involvement of new, young, talented students. We encourage all students, who may be interested in participating in the Concert Band and/or Chorus to consider furthering their Music Education. This includes current 5th grade Band and Choral students, and students who may be new to our programs.

**Parents interested must sign-up their son/daughter for Band or Chorus via the request form links on the **Kreps School or Arts Education website by Tuesday, May 1, 2018.****

Here are the sign up links:

[Band Sign Up](#)

[Chorus Sign Up](#)

We encourage all rising 6th grade students to participate in one of our ensembles. Students who are currently in the Band or Chorus in their respective elementary school are strongly encouraged to continue with that ensemble as they enter Kreps. Students who did not participate in Band or Chorus in elementary school are also encouraged to join as beginners. Both Band and Choral programs involve performances at evening concerts, school assemblies, and in the community. **Due to scheduling, students cannot be in both Band and Chorus, during the school day.** Other after school opportunities may be available for participation.

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band: Students participate in full ensemble rehearsals during a regularly scheduled period. In addition, students participate in small group instrumental lessons each week on a pull-out rotational basis so your child will rarely miss the same class. Students must have an instrument to begin as soon as school begins in September and make a commitment to participate, including practicing regularly at home.

6<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus: Students learn the mechanics of the voice and how to properly use it to produce a great vocal tone. Students will learn and perform songs that have been heard both past and present on television, satellite radio, video games, and across the airwaves.

If you have questions regarding the Kreps Music programs, please contact Mr. Hamm, K-12 Supervisor for Arts Education at [rhamm@ewrsd.k12.nj.us](mailto:rhamm@ewrsd.k12.nj.us). We look forward to welcoming you for the 2018-2019 school year.

Sincerely,

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