# To the Parents of Freehold Township Students:

# Every fall, 5th grade students in Freehold Township look forward to joining our district's instrumental music program. As you may know:

- A child who learns to play an instrument learns discipline and cooperation with others.
- Music provides an opportunity for your child to be engaged in fun, fulfilling, and constructive activities.
- J Why Should My Child Learn an Instrument?

# **Instrument Demonstrations at School**

During the school days on September 9th and 10th, Zeswitz Music will host a student assembly at every school so your child will be able to see and hear a demonstration of each instrument we offer for our 5th grade beginning students.

# **SAVE THE DATE -- Meet the Instruments Night!**

Join Zeswitz Music for a Meet the Instruments Night on Tuesday, September 10th at West Freehold School Gymnasium from 4:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m. Students are welcome to try the instruments!

Note: This is an Open House, so families can stop by anytime. However this is not a drop-off event, and only 5th graders may play the instruments.

## STUDENTS WHO WISH TO PARTICIPATE THIS YEAR MUST COMPLETE THREE STEPS:

- 1. **Select an instrument. To assist you in your choice, demonstration materials** can be found at: <u>Instrument Recruitment</u>
- 2. Register for instrument lessons by following the links for your school below.

<u>Applegate</u> <u>Catena</u> <u>Donovan</u> <u>Errickson</u> <u>West Freehold</u>

- 3. Rent an <u>instrument AND</u> purchase a <u>book</u> on or before <u>September 19.</u> Zeswitz Music will begin deliveries in the weeks following registration.
  - ☐ Please see Helpful Instrument Information for details on instruments, books and accessories.
  - Zeswitz Music is our most trusted provider of instruments for both excellent service and competitive prices.
  - All Zeswitz instruments are approved by our music teachers. Zeswitz delivers instruments directly to our schools and visits our schools on a weekly basis to take care of any service or repair needs (all incidental service and repair is included). All rental payments can apply toward purchasing the rented instrument. In addition, with teacher approval, students can switch to another instrument at any time during their rental without losing their credit.
  - You can rent an instrument from Zeswitz Music by registering online at www.ZeswitzMusic.com. Registering online will streamline the application process and will help ensure that your child receives an instrument promptly.
  - Please be aware that you are free to obtain an instrument from the source of your choice. However, please make sure that it is good quality and in proper playing condition. If you have any questions or would like to rent or buy an instrument other than from Zeswitz, please *email your instrumental music teacher* so they can help you make sure you obtain an instrument with which your child can be successful.

## Summer Band students with instruments should simply register and can skip this step.

Please complete the registration and instrument rental by <u>Thursday, September 19</u>. Note: WFS—Drums/Percussion only–Registration closes on September 18.

We hope your child enjoys learning to play this year!

## Sincerely,

Mrs. Femiano (CRAS), Mrs. Cascarelli (JUCS), Ms. Gilgan (LDS), Mrs. Henderson (MWES) and Mrs. Rispoli (WFS)
5th Grade Instrumental Music Instructors