

Extraordinary Public Education

December 2008

Dear Parent:

Your son/daughter is being encouraged to audition for our **ALL-DISTRICT ELEMENTARY HONOR BAND** which will perform at the **60th ANNUAL STAIRWAY-OF-THE-STARS** at the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium on Thursday and Friday, March 26th & 27th, 2008.

Please fill out the attached Audition form and return it to your child's Music Teacher by **January 7, 2009**. Auditions will be held at Grant Elementary School on Saturday, January 24, 2009. Your child will have a chance to play for one of the district's music teachers and will receive encouraging remarks and suggestions. "Auditioning" will be an enjoyable experience.

This year's STAIRWAY PROGRAM will be a GALA OCCASION for the community. We hope your child will want to participate.

Sincerely yours,

Tom Whaley

Tom Whaley, Coordinator

Stairway-of-the-Stars/Visual & Performing Arts Program

AUDITION INFORMATION
All-District Elementary Honor Band

PLACE: Grant Elementary School, Auditorium
2368 Pearl Street, Santa Monica, CA 90405

DATE: Saturday, January 24, 2009
TIME: 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

PROCEDURES:

Students will audition on a "FIRST COME-FIRST SERVE" basis. You may arrive any time between **8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.**

Each student will:

1. Be assigned an audition number at the registration desk.
2. Have a chance to warm up prior to the audition.
3. Be called to an individual room for the audition. Each audition will take about 5 minutes. Plan on warm-up and waiting time
4. Be excused immediately after the audition.

REQUIREMENTS:

During the individual audition, students will be asked to:

1. Play two major scales (all instruments); B^b chromatic scale (winds only).
2. Play a prepared solo.
3. Sight-read music provided by the adjudicator.

ACCEPTANCE:

Letters of acceptance will be mailed the following week.

If accepted, students must:

1. **Remain regular members of their school music groups.**
2. **Attend all eight (8) rehearsals.**
3. **Perform with the All District Honor Band.**

REHEARSALS:

Dates/Location:

Thursdays: February, 5, 12, 19, 26, March 5, 12, 19, 2009 at **Franklin Elementary School**, 2400 Montana Avenue, Santa Monica and **Wednesday**, March 25, 2009 at the **Santa Monica Civic Auditorium**, 1855 Main Street, Santa Monica

Time: 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Dress Rehearsal - Thursday March 26, 2009 at the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium during the school day - transportation provided.

TRANSPORTATION:

It will be the **parent's responsibility to provide transportation for their child to and from rehearsals** (except Dress rehearsal on Thursday, March 26, 2009).