September 2024

Dear Percussion Parents,

Congratulations to your child on being selected to play percussion for the upcoming school year!

If you have not already done so, we highly recommend that the percussionists enroll in a private lesson program. The demands placed on percussionists are often unique and require great adaptability on the part of the player. Private lessons are a great way to supplement our in-school lesson program. Should you be interested, please contact your school band teacher for a list of qualified teachers.

You will need to purchase a Snare Drum kit for your percussionist. That kit must include a Snare drum, snare drum stand, and a carrying case. Some also include a practice pad and a pair of drumsticks. There are a number of manufacturers who make kits. Many of our families prefer the Pearl SK910 or Pearl SK910C Snare kit. The kit comes in a backpack (SK910) or rolling case (SK910C). We find the Pearl to be of consistent quality and durability. There are music stores locally that may have this in stock, while others will have to order it for you. We recommend calling around for pricing or doing an Internet search to compare prices. We try not to recommend specific vendors, but our searches have found limited availability and <u>www.steveweissmusic.com (link)</u> has reasonable pricing.

Please feel free to contact your school's Band teacher with any questions that you may have. We look forward to working with you and your children in the Massapequa Music program!

## Sincerely,

Vincent Green, Director of Fine and Performing Arts

Birch Lane- Mr. Loock East Lake- Ms. Collins Fairfield- Ms. Hodulick Lockhart- Ms. Boyle McKenna- Ms. Boyle Unqua- Mr. Marson



## **Pearl Snare Kit**

SK910- Snare Kit w/Nylon backpack case via Steve Weiss (link)

SK910C- Snare Kit w/Nylon case with wheels & retractable handle via Steve Weiss (link)