Dear 6th grade Instrumental Students and Parents,

Greetings from the Music Department! As we hurriedly collected instruments and supplies at the end of the school year in May, teachers were already looking forward to checking them back out again and starting to make music again with their students. We truly miss our kids! We hope that you are excited about getting back to school soon to continue your musical education in our nationally recognized music program here in Great Falls!

Students have two options to get their instrument early this August. **Option One** is the Summer Music program offered at the Middle Schools from August 10-14. If students attend Summer Music, they will be able to keep their instrument for the start of the school year. **Option Two** is to come to the Paris Gibson Education Center (PGEC) at 2400 Central Ave on *Tuesday, August 25 anytime between 2-5 pm* to check out your instrument for the school year. We are only inviting 6th graders on this day so that you will have the first shot at selecting instruments from our inventory.

As we write this letter, instrument check out on the 25th will take place in the basement of PGEC in Rooms B1 (band students) and B2 (string students). Watch for signs at the school if the location changes for some reason. Elementary directors will be on hand to help out, and do any resizing on string instruments needed as students have grown over the summer. Rental payment is due at time of check out. We do not accept credit or debit cards. We accept cash or checks only. Please note that if you have not paid for last year's rental, you will not be able to check out an instrument this year until that payment has been completed.

Hopefully this plan will alleviate the overcrowding that we experienced last year at our Beginning Instrument Music Market (BIMM) nights, and we can get you in and out with your instrument quickly.

If you cannot make it on August 25, students will have to wait until school starts and be in contact with their directors, so there is no guarantee that they will get the same instrument as last year.

If you have any questions, please call your Instrumental Director (contact list below) or call the Music Office at 268-6079.

Meadow Lark, Riverview, Sacajawea, Valley View, Roosevelt, Longfellow, West:

Band Holly Molyneaux 868-1226 or Jenny Painter 781-9971

Orchestra Lucas Poe-Kiser 207-4006

Mountain View, Lincoln, Lewis and Clark, Loy, Sunnyside, Morningside, Chief Joseph:

Band Sharman Tokerud 868-9176 or Hal Hugg 799-7389

Orchestra Sarah Schaeffer (720) 254-9040

Stacey Hansen (Morningside only) 750-8214

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Band Hal Hugg 799-7389 Orchestra Sarah Schaeffer (720) 254-9040

Sincerely,

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