

# **The Moody Blue Devils Band Introduces: The Moody Middle School 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Brass Ensemble!!**

MMS is starting a band prep program in the form of a brass instrument ensemble for the upcoming fall semester. Because of recently available trumpets and trombones made from a light weight and durable plastic resin, **a young student can get a head start on an instrument with a total investment of less than \$225.00, including an instrument with case and mouthpiece, a folding music stand, and a beginning method book—all you need to get started!**

## **The Details:**

1. Brass ensemble class takes place each day **during the MMS school day**. (No after-school commitment required)
2. **No prior experience** is necessary!! We start with the basics.
3. **No need to make a purchase right now!!** If you indicate your interest in the class, the first two weeks of fall semester will be spent learning how to read music and discovering whether a high brass or low brass instrument is the best fit for you. **Students come to the MHS lunchroom with a parent or guardian on Tuesday, August 30<sup>th</sup> between 5:00 pm and 8:00 pm to purchase an instrument, a book, and a folding music stand.**
4. **After a year in the MMS brass ensemble**, students who advance on the plastic “brass” instruments may continue on a real trumpet or trombone in 7<sup>th</sup> grade beginner band. Students who successfully complete the first method book while at MMS may skip beginner band and advance to the intermediate band at MJHS, pending director approval. Students who would like to try an instrument other than trumpet or trombone for beginner band after arriving at MJHS may do so. **The plastic instruments used in the MMS ensemble will not be accepted for use in the MJHS or MHS band programs. After the class is finished, students may keep the plastic instruments at home for practicing or may decide to sell the instrument to an upcoming member of the MMS ensemble. Students who begin on trumpet or trombone at MMS are not limited to those instruments in the MJHS bands. All instruments are available for potential selection upon arrival at MJHS!**
5. **Now is the time to sign up!** Go to <http://goo.gl/forms/CL1wuOKhZk> to sign up online, or send an e-mail to [brad.sargent@sccboe.org](mailto:brad.sargent@sccboe.org) with “MMS 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Brass Ensemble” in the subject line to request a live link or to sign up manually. **In order to have this opportunity we will need at least 20 students to sign up by June 10<sup>th</sup>.**

**Deadline: June 10, 2016.**

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