

May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Dear Students and Parents,

Congratulations on the completion of the 2009 - 2010 school year!! My name is Jamie Burditt and I will be your new band director. The purpose of this letter is to provide information relating to your involvement as we prepare for the 2010 - 2011 school year. I look forward to making music with you as members of the Lockwood band program.

### **About Me**

I am a graduate of the University of Missouri and I am also a trombone player. I am originally from the Lake of the Ozarks area and I am very excited to be a new part of the Lockwood community. I look forward to meeting each and every one of you.

### **Band Camp**

I will be holding a mandatory band camp in mid August in preparation for the upcoming school year. If there are conflicts please notify me as soon as possible so that they can be resolved. The dates will be August 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. The 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade band portion will be from 10:00am – 12:00pm both days, and the high school band portion (8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade) will be from 1:00pm – 3:00pm both days. The 5<sup>th</sup> grade band will not be a part of this camp. The purpose of the camp is to establish the rehearsal setting as well as to provide a chance to get a head start on playing new and exciting music. Students need to bring their instruments, band method books and should be prepared for indoor rehearsals.

### **What to Expect**

I am very excited about the many opportunities that band students will have at Lockwood. These opportunities will include a chance to compete with other schools, possibly work with other arts departments at Lockwood, be exposed to new music and become better players. Students will be notified on the first day of school when I will be available for extra help on a regular basis.

I want to extend a warm welcome to those 5<sup>th</sup> grade students who have chosen to participate in band for the first time. These students should contact me if they have questions concerning instruments. I also ask that these students purchase book 1 of the Essential Elements 2000 method book series. This book can be found at Palen Music in Springfield or Joplin.

If you should have any questions regarding any of the information above or about what to expect, please do not hesitate to contact me. Once again, I can't wait to start working with you next year. Have a great summer and see you next school year!

Sincerely,

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