

Buffett Magnet Middle School

Bobcat Kung-Fu: General Information

Bobcat Kung-Fu is designed to be an incentive program for band students at Buffett Magnet MS- from beginning 5th grade students all the way through 8th grade. Students earn different colored "belts" and "bring great honor to the band" as they demonstrate increasingly more complex skills and musical knowledge. The musical skills and knowledge they demonstrate align with the music curriculum that is the focus of instruction in all band classes at Buffett.

Please note that this is a multi-year process... it is NOT the expectation that students complete their black belt (last step to Bobcat Kung-Fu) within the first year or even two of playing their instruments. Each student's individual progress will be different depending on how much they practice at home, the level of previous musical knowledge or natural talent they have before starting band, and their commitment to earning the various "belts."

The exciting part of this program for band students is the earning of "belts." When a student earns a "belt" we celebrate the accomplishment during class with that student playing the gong as LOUD as they want! Students are also given a ribbon which they proudly display on their instrument, receive a Bobcat Buck and get to choose from the prize vault. The exciting part for the band teachers and parents/guardians is the amount of practice and hard work that goes in to earning each "belt." These are concepts that will benefit students for their entire lives. It is our hope that this program will encourage band students to continually strive to learn new skills on their instruments throughout their time at Buffett and beyond.

If you have any questions about the Bobcat Kung-Fu program feel free to contact us at any time.

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