Dear Bellevue Bear Families,

There is some exciting news for your young musicians this year! We are starting a composition club here at Bellevue Elementary. This club will be for our older Bears (4th and 5th grade) during their lunchtime optional learning (L.O.L). The mission statement for Composition Club is to teach our students to compose and write their own songs. This year our theme is video game music. Your student(s) will write the story to their very own video game, then write the theme song for the game. They will also get to write the villain theme as well. It is going to be so much fun! They will learn valuable skills throughout the year that include music theory, storytelling, instrument practice and mastery, and even some opportunities to act out their characters if they want. Students will have access to all the instruments in the music room to write their music. I am planning on video recording their progress and want to share it with you and their classmates. At the end of the year, there will be a special night where our composers will get to share their complete work with their families and friends at the Composers Night Concert. I am so excited about this year and am looking forward to watching our Bears develop into composers!

As part of the Composition Club, there will be a code of conduct and contract of behavior. In this contract, students agree to:

* Treat all people and instruments with respect
* Use their time wisely during their jam out time
* Do their very best and keep trying when things get hard
* Agree to help classmates when they need help
* Be recorded and share their music
* Have fun!

This year is going to be a great year! I can’t wait to get to make some music!

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. Happy practicing!

Sincerely,

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