FAIRFIELD WOODS MIDDLE SCHOOL *\*\*MUSIC DEPARTMENT\*\**

 October 7, 2016

Dear 6th grade Parents,

The Music Department is excited to offer our annual New York Behavior Reward Trip for 6th grade music students. On Friday, November 4, 2016 we have reserved 300 tickets to a Jazz at Lincoln Center for Young People Concert entitled “Who is Count Basie?” at Frederick P. Rose Hall on 60th Street and 5th Avenue, New York City. Piano player and bandleader William "Count" Basie brought America out of the Depression with the elegant and irresistible swing of Kansas City. Establishing 4/4 swing as a primary jazz style, The Count led one of the greatest big bands of all time, featuring the hard-swinging All-American Rhythm Section, iconic soloists, and a communal feeling that kept the dance floor moving all night. In this hour-long narrated concert featuring the **Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra**, crowd participation, and engaging storytelling by **Wynton Marsalis**, families will learn about Basie's exciting career and infectious music. After nearly 25 years, this beloved family-oriented series continues to be a wellspring of enlightenment for curious minds, with concerts "as illuminating as they are entertaining" (Chicago Tribune).

Concert tickets and coach bus transportation are discounted at a group price of $20.00. Thanks to your generous support, our fall music department pie sale helps subsidize the transportation cost for this event. If your child is interested in joining us, please sign & return this original permission slip by the deadline. Please also keep the upper portion of this slip for trip details in a safe place.

Original permission slips and payment must be received by ***FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14t****h* to Mr. DesRosier, Ms. Frawley, Mr. Cyr, or Mr. Bryan to purchase a ticket. Tickets will be reserved on a first-come-first-served basis. As this is the reward part of our Music Dept. Behavior Contract, student behavior will be a consideration for this trip. We expect students to manage their impulsivity, listen to others, apply past knowledge to new situations, and think interdependently at school all year to be ready to go into New York City with such a large group. 30 parent chaperones will be needed and must to pay for their tickets with a separate check since we often have more parents than we need. Chaperones and students who accompany this trip **must** travel both ways on the bus. Special requests for parents to meet their child in New York City after the show require advance notice. Requests **cannot** be granted the day of the trip. Cancellations are not refundable unless there is waiting list of students or parents.

The trip will leave FWMS promptly at 9am. No meals will be supplied on this trip, so please bring a bag lunch to eat on the bus (no nut products). The concert begins at 12:15pm and the busses should arrive back at FWMS between 3:30pm and 4:00pm. Students should dress nicely (no blue jeans, sneakers, or sweats), but comfortably.

If you are interested in having your child join us for Jazz at Lincoln Center’s “Who is Count Basie?” concert, please sign the attached permission slip and have them bring a check made payable to Fairfield Woods Middle School to Mr. DesRosier, Ms. Frawley, Mr. Cyr, or Mr. Bryan on or before ***FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14th***. Please retain the top portion of this slip for future reference.

Sincerely,

Mr. Bryan, Mr. Cyr, Mr. DesRosier, Ms. Frawley

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I give permission for my child (print clearly first & last name please)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_to attend the 6th grade Behavior Reward concert trip: Jazz at Lincoln Center with Fairfield Woods Music Department on Friday, November 4, 2016 from 9am to 4pm.

\_\_\_\_\_ Jazz at Lincoln Center Young People’s Concert “Who Is Count Basie?” ticket @ $20.00 check #\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_I would like to chaperone @$20.00 check #\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(send a separate chaperone check for $20.00)

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