



OAK GROVE BANDS

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Students and Parents:

I just wanted to take a moment to speak about yesterday's afterschool practice. As many of you know, we had a medical emergency occur about 15 minutes before the end of practice. First and most importantly, everything is ok with our student. Went home and is well!!

I did also want to share how impressed I was with the behavior and actions of all our marching band members and staff. Within seconds of noticing something was not right, students had already moved into action to provide comfort and care. Staff members were also working to take the appropriate steps to get the required medical personnel to the field. I cannot speak enough on the professionalism shown by our staff in this situation, particularly Mr. Larsen and our Color Guard Director, Grace Ann Hundley.

All of our students were very respectful of the situation, listening and following directions without hesitation. Although I dismissed practice a bit early, and without much of a formal recap or end to the session, many stayed around well after 7PM to help move equipment and clean-up.

It is certainly a great feeling to have a group that performs well and wins trophies (as was shown this past Sat.) but that in no way compares to the incredible blessing it is to have students and staff that demonstrate the kindness, compassion, and character ours did at the end of yesterday's practice. I am truly thankful.

Just sharing some thoughts and HAPPY FRIDAY!

Mike Howell 