

## Helpful Hints for Mom and Dad

1. **Patience:** Remind your child to practice every day. Download and read “How to Practice at Home!” from our website <http://www.bandrox.com>
2. **Encouragement:** Learning a new technique or concept can take a long time for your child to master. A pat on the back and positive words go a long way.
3. **Imagination:** What’s on channel 8 tonight? What’s going on at Gammage Auditorium? When is the next recital at A.S.U. (they’re free!)? What CDs are on sale? What artists are being featured on 91.5 FM KJZZ tonight? Take your child to live, local music events and see how the pros do it!
4. **Common Sense:** Try for a balanced schedule of interests and activities. “Band kids” are noted for spreading themselves too thin.
5. **Atmosphere:** Favorable conditions are necessary in the development of a developing musician. A regular practice schedule, proper equipment (music stand, metronome, extra reeds, etc.), a good instrument, and a reward system will work well to create a positive atmosphere for personal musical growth.
6. **Influence:** Never underestimate the influence you have on your child. Be persistent and firm. Sustaining interest can be a real problem and you must find ways to keep your child motivated when the material becomes challenging.
7. **Support:** Support your child by attending concerts and encouraging mini-concerts at home. Don’t just drop them off and pick them up later. Show that you value music by not taking it away as a negative consequence for poor behavior or low grades in academic subjects. Make sure to avoid conflicts with sports schedules and don’t put your child in the difficult position of having to choose between a band concert and a game.