**Instructions for recording!**

When musicians make a recording, unless they are professionals producing a "live" concert, they usually do the piece two or three times and then start with the best one, called a “take”.  They then re-record the parts that can be played better (called fixes).  Starting with the best take means there is less time spent editing/fixing and it's often the second or third take that sounds the best and has the fewest fixes – it actually saves time to record more than once!

Play like it's a concert!  It's easy to play music like an assignment and miss the energy that happens with a concert.  Think back to our December concerts and how exciting it was to play.  Use this opportunity to demonstrate your best tone, your legato, your staccato, your dynamics.  You are the first Grade 7 students who gets to make a recording!

**Things to keep in mind to help you send in a recording of your best playing:**

* **Set up your music so that you are in a good playing position!**This can be difficult depending on where your microphone has to be.  Do your best to be comfortable.
* **Be comfortably full of air!** It's too easy to just sneak some air in and have to breathe again soon which makes  your playing 'choppy'
* **Listen to your first track!**After doing one recording, listen to what you just produced.  Are you too close to the microphone?  If so, your sound might be a little 'edgy'.  Or, the sound of your breath might be too present.
* **Use the microphone!**  If you are having difficulty playing the music softly where it says p, experiment turning away from the microphone to help you play softer on the recording.  Record.  Listen.  Do it again.  Remember to listen to your full tone as well - don't get so close that you are loud enough to distort the sound.  If it crackles, back away from the microphone.
* If enough students from any one school send in recordings, a recording of ONLY your school can be produced.  So, support each other.  Let's Go Band(s)!

**10 second mp4 videos**

* You can now submit a video (up to 10 seconds) of you playing.  No sound, no faces.
* If you have difficulty uploading your mp4 because the file is so large, one solution might be an app called WeTransfer.com.  It is free and you need to put in your email address and the email address of the person receiving the file.

 This is a unique opportunity for Burnaby elementary band students.  More than anything, have fun and enjoy the process!