



4TH GRADE BEGINNING ORCHESTRA

Our elementary orchestra program is open to all 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students. The Suzuki approach has been adapted to our WDM orchestra program. We find it not only popular but very successful, resulting in one of the largest orchestra programs in Iowa. For optimum success, close cooperation between student, teacher, and parents is essential.

In the fall, your 4th grade child may attend a demonstration and instrument fitting. Prospective students should contact Ms. Prescott to determine the school the student would be assigned in the district. Ms. Prescott will have a copy of the demonstration schedule to post. After the demonstration, the teacher will schedule a time to have a fitting, to tell what size the student needs to rent a specific instrument. Local music stores have great deals the night of open house.

A few places available to rent an instrument include:

Beckers Fine String Instruments <http://beckerfineinstruments.com/>

Address: 6567 University Ave, Windsor Heights, IA 50324

Phone: (515) 274-9420



Rieman's Music <http://www.riemanmusic.com/>

Address: 6501 Douglas Ave, Urbandale, IA 5032

Phone: (515) 278-4685



Valley Orchestra Guild: Following our meeting on September 7 we have a limited amount of Violin and Violas to rent. This will be held in the Orchestra room at Valley. This is run by our Parent Volunteer Group.

Financial Assistance: If you are unable to rent an instrument at a music store, please talk with the Orchestra teacher at your school. We have a very limited amount of school instruments available for students with financial need.

Open House - Information Night

September 7 Valley High School Staplin Performing Arts Center 6:30-7:00 PM

We would like to invite you to attend a brief, but very important, parent meeting which will give you all the details about our program. It will be held September 7, at 6:30 p.m. at Valley HS Staplin Performing Arts Center. We will start right at 6:30 so please arrive on time. The meeting should last no longer than 30 minutes. Topics to be covered will include how to find an instrument, rehearsal schedule at school, concert dates, etc. Your student does not need to attend this meeting. They are welcome, but it is not necessary.

We are blessed with a wonderful orchestra program in the WDM, and we hope your student will want to join us!

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