

Strings Program Fall 2019

**THIS PROGRAM IS FREE, AND INTERESTED STUDENTS
NEED TO JOIN AT THE BEGINNING OF 4TH GRADE!!!**

Hello 3rd grade students and families,

I am so excited that you are interested in learning more about your school's string program! Next year's strings students can look forward to: learning how to play the violin, viola or cello, gaining knowledge on how to read music, experiencing what it is like to be part of a musical ensemble, and performing at various events in both our school and community. The following information will provide you with more details about this amazing opportunity. Don't forget to complete a strings sign-up form as soon as possible if you would like to join. Feel free to email me with any other questions or concerns.

Thank you!

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When: JOIN NOW! Any student who wishes to join after August 30th will need special permission, as they will fall behind the pace of the class. Students who turn their forms in before the end of the school year will ensure their registration for strings and have a better chance at getting a school instrument if they are in need. If enrollment numbers become too high, students will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis.

Who: All future 4th grade students are welcome to join. Keep in mind that strings is a continuous program that increases in difficulty from 4th - 6th grade (and into middle/high school). To experience success, students who try to join late often find they need to take private lessons from a teacher outside of school (at their own expense) in order to catch up to the rest of their grade level. So, if your child has INTEREST please join now.

How: Please visit the strings website here: bit.ly/CamachoStringsPV and follow the directions at the top of the home page to get to the digital sign-up form. Please contact me or your front office if you struggle to sign-up online. All other information you need can also be found on this page under the link to the left titled "What You Need for Fall 2018." **Be sure to get all instrument/supplies listed there before the 1st week of school.**

Cost: This program itself is FREE for students to participate in, but students will need to make a one time purchase of a few supplies that will total no more than \$15-30 to get started. Please see the supply list and list of local music stores is on the website above. Most students will also need to pay for a rental instrument from a local music store, which varies in monthly rental prices from as low as \$15 for violin/viola to \$36 for cello. We also have a limited number of school instruments that are reserved for children who cannot afford to rent so that ALL interested children can participate.

Class Times and Start Date: Classes will begin the first week of school in Fall 2019. An official start date will be announced by email in early August. Strings class meets during 4th grade specials time, 2-3 times per week in the strings room. Students will be excused from their specials class during these days, and because of the rotating specials schedule it won't be the same specials class every time. Strings students are NOT required to make up the work they miss in specials.

Please do not buy anything without first visiting the strings website, especially if you plan to purchase an instrument! The website has a special page just for you with guidance on what to look for in a quality instrument and how to avoid buying a VSO (violin shaped object).