



**MIDDLE COUNTRY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Dear Parents/Guardians of a 4th Grade Orchestra Student:

During the month of June your third-grade child had the opportunity to try out several musical instruments that were of interest to him or her. We are pleased to invite your child to be enrolled in the Orchestra Music Program for the 2022/2023 school year.

On behalf of the elementary string music teaching staff, I welcome you to the program.

While the opening of school is still a few weeks away, it is not too early to make arrangements for the rental of a musical instrument. During this time of year, rental companies will have their inventories of rental instruments in ample supply and in peak condition.

In selecting a music store, please be aware that not all stores offer the same quality of instruments or services. It would be in your child's best interest to compare stores for price, the repair policy of their rented instruments, and the brands of instruments they supply. Please be aware that a good quality, well maintained instrument is a must for beginning players. Please do not let your child be attracted to colorful instruments as they are often made of poor quality.

To begin string instruction as quickly as possible, please contact your local music store now for the following items:

Required Items:

1. Rental instrument: Violas will actually rent a violin strung as a viola. The stores know what this means.
2. Essential Elements for Strings Book 1 for their instrument.
3. One inch, 3 ring binder
4. 2 Pocket Folder
5. Violins and Violas: Kun style shoulder rest for appropriate instrument size. Some come in adjustable sizes.
6. Cellos: Strap or rock stop, rubber not foam

Recommended Item:

1. Folding music stand

Violin and Viola Shoulder Rests

If your child tries to put the instrument to his/her chin without knowing how, and without a shoulder rest, it may be uncomfortable. Please be assured that we learn how to comfortably hold the instrument after a few lessons (over)

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The mission of the MCCSD is to empower and inspire all students to apply the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary to be creative problem solvers, to achieve personal success, and to contribute responsibly in a diverse and dynamic world.

Cellos and Bass

Cellos and Basses do not need to be transported on a regular basis. The district will provide an instrument for in-school instruction. The rented cello stays at home. While in elementary school, Bass players will be provided with an instrument for at home practice and an additional one for in-school instruction.

If you wish any assistance in this matter, please feel free to call me at the above listed number.

Very truly yours,

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