

Lindbergh Schools

JOIN STRINGS!!

2022-2023

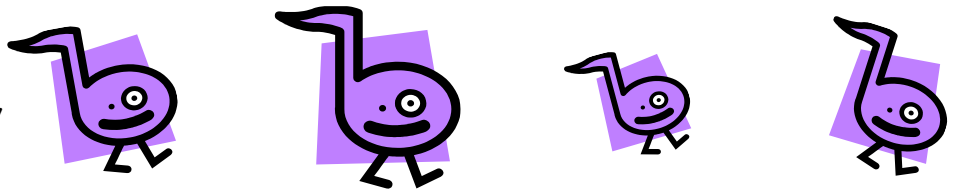
Information  
and  
Enrollment Packet





Dear Mom and Dad,

Guess what??



Today in school I went to a join-the-orchestra assembly! I listened to the Lindbergh High School Strolling Strings perform some songs and I heard each instrument group demonstrated by the Strollers. I learned all about the strings program and it was so cool! All of the students started playing their instruments in the 4th grade at their school. The orchestra teacher told us we could sign up **right now** for orchestra next year!!

We learned that the orchestra instruments include: VIOLIN, VIOLA, CELLO.

The **VIOLIN** is the smallest and highest sounding instrument. It is held on the player's shoulder. The orchestra uses more violins than any other instruments. The **VIOLA** is like a violin but is a little bigger. It is the middle voice in the orchestra. Good violists are always needed in orchestras! The **CELLO** is one of the lower voices in the orchestra. It is supported by an endpin that rests on the floor and is always played while seated. Good cellists are super important! They help balance and reinforce good tone in the orchestra!

In May, the orchestra teacher will have a meeting for you if you have any questions. There is a lot of information in this packet but the most important is the official sign-up form. *It is included in this packet and must be turned in to the building secretary by March 18, 2022.*

I hope you will let me join! It looks like a lot of fun and I will learn a lot about music, teamwork, and individual responsibility. Let's plan to talk about this as a family. Music may be one of my special talents!

Thanks mom and dad!

Love,

Me





# JOIN STRINGS!!!

Dear 2021-2022 grade 3 parents,

Lindbergh Schools is pleased to offer beginning violin, viola and cello instruction to your child next year in fourth grade. Orchestra classes are held within each Elementary School during the school day. All students will receive FREE string instruction for two 30 minute sessions per week. String class at the elementary level is considered a “pull-out” program. Instructional time is assigned during the school day by each elementary school. The only fee incurred will be instrument rental and book purchase.

In order for your child to participate in these classes, it is required that students have an instrument, rosin and book by August 30<sup>th</sup>. Local music stores offer very reasonable rental plans for these instruments. You must contact the rental store to determine rental pricing. **Please see list on back.** The music book to purchase is the “Essential Elements for Strings”, Book I by Michael Allen, Robert Gillespie and Pamela Tellejohn Hayes. Violin, Viola and Cello books are available at rental locations. We do encourage young string players to purchase a music stand (for practice at home) and a shoulder rest (violin/viola only) or a rock stop (cello only).

String instruction continues throughout your child’s education within Lindbergh Schools. Learning to play an instrument and belonging to the school orchestra program begins a whole new world of friendship and fun! The elementary string students have a minimum of two concerts per year. Throughout your child’s musical development, they will be able to take advantage of various orchestral performances at the Middle School and High School levels. Orchestra members can participate in extra-curricular groups such as the 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Advanced Orchestra (Sem2, gr.4), Elementary Honors Orchestra (gr.5), Fiddlers (gr.6-8) and the Lindbergh High School Strolling Strings (gr.9-12).

The opportunities for playing a stringed instrument after high school are abundant! Many universities seek students that have participated in a music discipline throughout M.S. and H.S. to offer scholarships. Orchestra provides a great foundation for your child in all aspects of life. In addition to music, students learn self-discipline, group cooperation, problem-solving, goal-setting, self-expression, memory skills, concentration, poise, enhanced physical coordination, high self-esteem, and the importance of teamwork - these skills are essential for building a well-rounded young adult. Like many of the arts, music has been proven to have a profound effect on future academic success.

If you wish to enroll your child in the Lindbergh String Program, please complete and return the attached application and return to your child’s school by March 18, 2022. If additional information is desired, please feel free to contact the members of the Orchestra staff at 314-729-2400 or via email.

Sincerely,

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## Required materials:

Instrument,

book (“Essential Elements for Strings” Book 1)

folder, pencil and rosin.



# Beginning Strings Parent Night on May 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm!

We would like to invite you to an informational meeting at Truman Middle School on **Monday, May 9** in the orchestra room. Mrs. Angela Dunsford, elementary strings coordinator, will be present to explain what to look for when renting an instrument and to answer any questions you may have about the program.

## Directions to Truman Middle School (12225 Eddie and Park Rd.)

S. Lindbergh Blvd, right on Eddie and Park Road. Truman MS is on the left. Please feel free to park in front parking lot or around back by ECE West (Robyn Road). Orchestra Room is room #423, next to the wood floor gym.

We understand that this time of year is very busy for everyone, but we hope that you will be able to join us for this short informational meeting. **Please RSVP to Mrs. Angela Dunsford if you plan to attend.** Don't worry if you are unable to attend the Monday, May 9 meeting, another informational meeting will be scheduled in August. A July letter welcoming you to the program will announce the August meeting date.

## RENTING AN INSTRUMENT

The Violin, Viola and Cello are available in smaller sizes to accommodate younger children. All students will be measured for the correct instrument size. We recommend **rental** rather than purchase. Students are encouraged *not* to purchase an instrument until they are playing on a full-sized instrument.

Instruments can be rented from most music dealers in the St. Louis area. The most important fact to consider when renting an instrument is to provide your child with a good, playable and **correctly sized instrument**. *To ensure success in strings, please do not rent or purchase novelty instruments of color.* These are toys and not proper for musical instruction in the Lindbergh Strings program.

**The instrument brands that have been tested and approved by the Lindbergh String Faculty are: Knilling, Lewis & Sons, Scherl & Roth, Becker, Amati, Franz Hoffman, Klaus Mueller, Yamaha, Krutz, and Vogel. Please direct questions to the companies below for alternate brand instruments!!!**

## Keep this page for your records!

Nottelmann Music Company 1590 Lemay Ferry Rd St. Louis, MO 63125 314 631-1486 www.nottelmannmusic.com	Geoffrey Seitz Violin Shop 4171 Loughborough Blvd. St. Louis, MO 63116 314 353.1312 <b>*Purchase only</b> www.seitzviolins.com	Top Notch Violins 3109 Sutton Blvd. Maplewood, MO 63143 Phone: (314) 696-2172 www.topnotchviolins.com Email: <a href="mailto:steve@TopNotchViolins.com">steve@TopNotchViolins.com</a>
Music Folk 8015 Big Bend Webster, MO 63119 314 961-2838 www.musicfolk.com	St. Louis Strings Violin Shop 6331 Clayton Ave. St. Louis, MO 63139 314 644-6999 www.stlstrings.com	Bearden Violin Shop 8787 Lackland St. Louis, MO 63114 314 427-7570 *please call ahead www.beardenviolinshop.com
Clemens Violins, Violas and Violoncellos L.C. 6353 Clayton Road, Saint Louis, Missouri 63117 314 727- 4787 www.clemensviolins.com		Music and Arts 9189 Watson Rd St.Louis, MO 63126 314-968-5459 www.musicandarts.com

**We encourage you to take this page with you to your rental location!**

Instrument Type and Size: \_\_\_\_\_ (Copy from next page)

Please take your child with you to the rental store of your choosing to have them try on the instrument to be sure the instrument fits properly!



## **RENTING AN INSTRUMENT**

### **Checklist!**

- 1. Correctly sized instrument**
- 2. Bow with horse hair**
- 3. Rosin included (non-cork, please)**
- 4. Book 1, “Essential Elements for Strings” by Allen, Gillespie and Hayes**
- 5. Rent-to-own? (Does a % of your rental apply to a later purchase of the instrument?)**
- 6. Upgrade? (As my child improves/grows, can I trade in for a higher quality/bigger instrument?)**
- 7. Insurance? (If my child breaks a string or the instrument is accidentally damaged.)**
- 8. Look over instrument and bow for any obvious cracks before taking home.**
- 9. Cello students need to have a rock stop provided.**
- 10. Violin and viola may purchase a shoulder rest to help support instrument. (optional) School will provide a basic sponge as a shoulder rest.**
- 11. Folding music stand to help with proper posture during home practice.**







# This page DUE to Building Secretary by 3/18/22!

## Permission for 2022-23 String Instruction

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

PRINT Student's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Instrument Choice \_\_\_\_\_

Elementary School (2022-23) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number (W/AREA CODE) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent email address(es): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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Your child has been interviewed by one of the String Teachers & the following instrument/size is recommended:

<u>Instrument</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Size</u>	<u>Size</u>
VIOLIN	1/2	3/4	4/4 Full
VIOLA	12 inch	13 inch	14 inch
CELLO	1/2	3/4	Full

### ONLINE REGISTRATION!!



Skip the paperwork  
and register online

<https://forms.gle/j4VXjyhKmzm8LUZ66>

Please note name of instrument and size on previous page before returning this sheet!!!!

## RETURN TO YOUR SCHOOL OFFICE!

OR mail to: Angela Dunsford, Truman MS,  
12225 Eddie and Park Rd, St. Louis, MO 63127