

## Orchestra Recruiting Letter

Dear Parents & Students,

Sept. 2018

We are happy to announce that beginning Orchestra Lessons will be offered this school year to 5th grade students DURING THEIR MUSIC TIME! Lessons on the **Violin, Viola, Cello and String Bass** will be taught during the school day. Recently your child was introduced to each of these instruments and has expressed an interest in learning how to play and joining the orchestra program in Fairview.

Any fifth grade student is eligible to begin lessons. All lessons are 40 minutes in length and are held during their MUSIC CLASS on their specific colored day in the Music Room 215. Classes will begin the week of September 11, 2017. The success of these students depends heavily on parental support. Parents need to know the facts about the music program, the schedule of classes, the teacher, the concert schedule, where to rent or purchase instruments of higher quality, what books and supplies are needed, etc. Most important of all - **HOW MUCH WILL IT COST?**

All instruments come in sizes appropriate for the height and length of the arm for each student. **PLEASE BE SURE TO USE THE SIZING SHEET EACH STUDENT HAS RECEIVED.** If for some reason this sheet is lost or your student did not get sized for each instrument, please go to a local music store to be sized.

**Please hand in the instrument form to the main office no later than  
Friday, Sept. 7, 2018**

Local music stores will be present at the evening parent meeting listed below. You will have the opportunity to rent an instrument that night. To help answer all of your questions about the Orchestra Program, parents and students are invited to the:

**Parent Recruiting Meeting**  
**7:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 5, 2018**  
**At Gilles - Sweet Cafetorium**

Won't you please take a few minutes to consider enrolling your child in this excellent program? What starts in elementary school can be a foundation for a lifetime of joyful music making! **Plus in 6th grade, all students must pick between orchestra, band, or choir and you must start now to choose orchestra or band.** Extra steps like private lessons over the summer would be required to join after this year. Our meeting will be *very informative* and I encourage you and your child to attend. If you are unable to attend and you would like more information, please contact me at 440-356-3500 x 4125 or e-mail me at [hneedham@fairview.k12.oh.us](mailto:hneedham@fairview.k12.oh.us).

Sincerely,

Mrs. Hillery Needham  
Director of Orchestras

*Method Book Needed: Sound Innovations Book 1 for Violin, Viola, Cello, or Bass  
(included with most rental programs)*