



Orchestra Notes

Pine Lake Middle School Feeders



September 2011

WHERE TO RENT:

Instruments may be rented from a number of music stores. The following are recommended for good service and rental rates:

- **Hammond Ashley:**
Issaquah (425) 392-3963
- **Henry Bischofberger:**
Kirkland (425) 822-0717
Seattle (206) 324-3119
- **Kennelly Keys:**
Bellevue Sq. (425) 455-8282
- **Mills Music:**
Front Street (425) 392-1000
- **Moore Brothers Music:**
Sammamish Plateau (425) 836-2263
- **Plateau Music:**
Klahanie Ctr. (425) 369-9333
[Please note District disclaimer on www.issaquah.wednet.edu/academics/programs/orchestra.aspx.](http://www.issaquah.wednet.edu/academics/programs/orchestra.aspx)



Beginning Orchestra!

This is the year that your student has the opportunity to learn a string instrument in the Issaquah School District's 5th grade orchestra class!

Classes will be held from 7:40-8:10 on Mondays and Thursdays at Pine Lake Middle School.

You must provide transportation to PLMS. Transportation will be provided back to your student's school from PLMS. (If your student is at a late start school, they can participate in the before-school care program at no additional charge.)

Students will come directly to the Pine Lake Orchestra classroom (room C-4). They will meet with students from other 5th grade classes at Sunny Hills, Discovery, and Creekside. It is an exciting opportunity to meet those students they will be in middle school with next year!

Practicing at home is expected and important for beginners. My goal is to

quickly, yet thoroughly, have students learning their instruments; playing and even performing!

Please be aware that **orchestra is a year-long commitment**, and stress this to your student.

I look forward to working with your student! Please feel free to call or email me if you have any questions.

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How do I sign my student up for 5th grade orchestra?

- Please use the orchestra sign-up form from the District and return it with a check to the address listed on the form.

When do classes begin?

- **Classes start on Monday, Oct. 3rd!**

What does my student need to get started?

- Your student will need to rent an instrument (violin, viola, cello, bass). **NOTE:** Instruments come in different sizes; be sure to take your student with you to the music store for the perfect fit!
- **Rosin:** It may or may not come with the instrument.
- Violin and Viola students will need a **shoulder rest**.
- Cello and Bass students will need an **end-pin holder**
- **Essential Elements 2000, Book 1** for your student's chosen instrument.
- A **pencil and folder** (to write with and store music)
- A soft cloth to clean the instrument.
- Renter's insurance is optional, but a good idea!

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