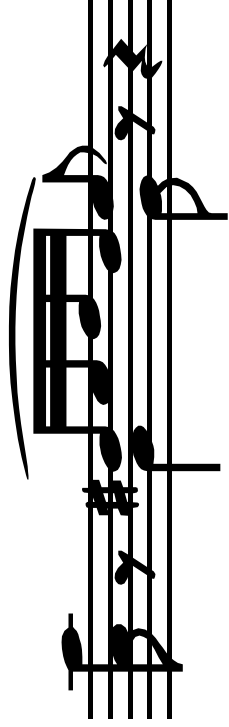
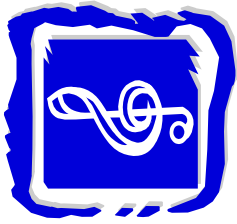


“Music, dance, drama and visual arts programs open children to new ideas, new experiences, and new challenges, and instill the habits of mind that last a lifetime— confidence, perseverance, a drive for excellence, the ability to analyze and solve problems.”

Susan Sclafani



## *The String Family*

**Violin**—Unaltered for centuries, the violin is perhaps the most widely recognized orchestra instrument. Whether you call it a violin or a fiddle, it is the string family's highest voice. High pitched, beautifully toned, the violin is often used as a lead or solo instrument, particularly in music demanding fast passage work.

**Viola**—Played under the chin in much the same manner as the violin, the viola is slightly larger and tuned differently. A larger tone chamber endows the viola with its mellow qualities and enables it to produce somber tones.

**Cello**—The cello produces deep lower registers and subdued higher tones. Unlike the violin or the viola, the cello is supported on the floor by an endpin while the seated performer steadies the instrument with his or her knees.

**String Bass**—The string family's largest instrument, the string or double bass may be played with a bow or plucked by hand. The bass is the deepest voice of the string family and can function as a rhythmic accompaniment or as a solo instrument. The deep response of the bass gives foundation and “bottom” to the orchestra. (Usually not taught in Level 1, talk with orchestra director.)

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**Dickinson  
Region  
Elementary  
Orchestra**



Includes: Alcott,  
Ella Baker,  
Dickinson/Explorer,  
Rosa Parks, and  
Wilder



## The orchestra and your child...



Participation in orchestra class enhances the following skills:

- ◆ Self-Confidence
- ◆ Goal Setting
- ◆ Self-expression
- ◆ Coordination
- ◆ Concentration
- ◆ Listening Skills
- ◆ Memory Skills
- ◆ Poise
- ◆ Cooperative learning
- ◆ Multi-cultural learning

... an invaluable growth experience.

### Class Specifics...

**Orchestra classes:** Instruction is offered for 4th and 5th grade students. The focus is on beginning instrumental technique and music reading skills. If you have already taken lessons, you would register for the Experienced group.

**Class Schedule:** Orchestra will be taught synchronously and asynchronously, which means there will be some before school meetings. Lessons will be found on TEAMS. There will be 1-2 lessons per week with additional connection time as needed.

**Transportation:** At this time, there is no transportation since we are learning virtually.

### **The Orchestra Information Night:**

Information about the program and where to get an instrument will be available.

**Live TEAMS Meeting  
Wednesday, September 22,  
2021 7:00pm.**

Rachel Harris  
rharris@lwsd.org

### **Orchestra Class Registration**

At this time, there is a registration link on the district website. When you are on the site, hover on Programs and Services. From there, you can find Elementary Band and Orchestra.

It is one registration for both programs.

You can also go to your school web page and click on Activities.

From there you can find Elementary Orchestra.

This page should be updated with a link to the parent night meeting

This also has the link to the registration page..

If for some reason it is not linked, please send me an email and I can get you the link.