



## Music Department – September 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians of Third Grade Students:

Welcome back to a new school year! Third grade is an exciting year for students in the Council Rock School District because this is the grade level when students first have the opportunity to begin the study of one of four string instruments: violin, viola, cello, or bass. These instruments come in many sizes and thus, can be offered to younger students. Students who enroll in the string program will receive a thirty-minute small group lesson once a week during the school day. ***The lesson time is rotated on the schedule so that the same time slot is not affected each week.*** Lessons will begin the beginning of October, and students will receive a schedule before the first lesson.

The rental information that has been provided is the district's vendor, ***Music and Arts Center***. We recommend using Music and Arts since they provide good quality instruments, conveniently pick up rental instruments when they are in need of repair, and offer easy size exchanges for string instruments.

If you choose to rent, ***it is recommended to purchase the Liability Damage Waiver with the rental since accidents do happen!***

You are also welcome to obtain an instrument from a vendor of your choice.

- If you obtain an instrument by other means, please let me know.
- Your child can bring the instrument to school prior to the first lesson so that I can inspect it to ensure it is in good working order.

Please note that families enrolled in the free and reduced lunch program are eligible for scholarship instruments.

- ***String Basics, Book One*** is the lesson book that we will be using this year. This book is included with all Music and Arts rentals. Students not renting from Music and Arts will need to purchase this book prior to the first lesson.

**If interested in playing a string instrument, please fill out the attached Lesson Registration Form and return it to school by Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>.**

I look forward to teaching your child this year!

Musically Yours,

Mrs. Stephanie Derham, String Teacher

Please turn over for rental information

