

Elementary Strings Information Meeting

Clara Barton Elementary School Site

September 14, 2023 6:30pm



String Orchestra Class Information

- ♪ Classes are two times a week. Classes begin at 8:00am and end at 8:40am. Students should arrive by 7:50-7:55am to set up and tune before class starts
- ♪ Classes for beginning orchestra are on Monday/Wednesday (violin & viola) and Wednesday/Friday (cello)
- ♪ Classes for experienced orchestra are on Tuesday/Thursday (all instruments)
- ♪ First day for beginning violin/viola – Monday Oct. 2nd
First day for beginning cello – Friday Oct. 6th
First day for experienced orchestra – Tuesday Oct. 3rd

Instruction is given in a group setting and the teachers are Ms. Chen and Mrs. Dolgaya.

Barton Site Information

- ♪ Students who attend Einstein, Mann, Redmond El., Rockwell and Barton elementary schools will attend orchestra class at Clara Barton Elementary School in the gym

Transportation

String Orchestra students have several options to get to Clara Barton Elementary school.

- If they are within walking distance they can walk.
- Many orchestra students form carpools (highly recommended!). Please follow the parking lot signs and do not drive in the bus lane!
- Information for cello players: The district will not allow cellos on the buses so we will have a cello to use at Barton during class but you will still need to rent a cello to practice at home and to use in the concerts!
- At the end of orchestra class, students will take a district bus back to their elementary school.

Equipment Needed

- ♪ A **quality** instrument of appropriate size, in good working order. It is recommended you rent rather than purchase your instrument – your child's growing! Please make sure instrument case is labeled with your name (sharpie on removable tape works well)

- ♪ Shoulder rest (**violin/viola only**)-A sponge shoulder pad for violin and viola players will be provided, but shoulder rests are highly recommended
- ♪ Rock stop (**cello only**)
- ♪ Rosin for the bow
- ♪ A small, soft cloth for cleaning the instrument
- ♪ 1” – 3 ring binder (**experienced orchestra only**)
(a light weight, sturdy binder to place on the music stand)
- ♪ A pencil with an eraser!
- ♪ A sturdy folding music stand (please label with student’s name)
- ♪ Instruction book for **beginning orchestra group only**- “Essential Elements for Strings” Book 1 by Allen/Gillespie/Hayes can be found in music store or at <http://www.halleonard.com/ee/strings/>
- ♪ Instruction book for **experienced orchestra group only** – “Essential Elements for Strings” Book 2

Please wait to take the instrument out of the case until you learn how. Your instrument is fragile and can break, especially the bow!

Performance Dates - Please put these in your calendar ASAP

- ♪ Wednesday, December 13th, 2023 7:00pm at Redmond Middle School gym
- ♪ Wednesday, March 20, 2024 7:00pm at Redmond Middle School gym
- ♪ Wednesday, May 15, 2024 7:00pm at Redmond Middle School gym

Expectations

- ♪ Year-long commitment to the String Orchestra Program.
- ♪ Attend classes consistently and come to class on time.
- ♪ Come prepared with all materials.
- ♪ Regular practice at home (suggested daily practice for 20-25 minutes)
Parents, your support is vital!
- ♪ Attend all performances with your best effort

Instrument Vendors (for your rental needs)

Henry Bischofberger Violins
Kirkland, WA
425-822-0717
www.hkbviolins.com

Kennelly Keys
13317 NE 175th St
Woodinville, WA 98072
425-482-5079

Music and Arts
16615 Redmond Way
Redmond, WA
425-881-8777

Hammond Ashley Violins
320 Third Ave NE
Issaquah, WA 98027
425-392-3963
sales@hammondashley.com

Metropolitan Music Services
11815 A 124th Ave. NE
Kirkland, WA 98034
425-250-8990