Oak Grove School

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Our mission:
A community working hard toward excellence and academic success

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RE: Advanced Orchestra class opportunity at Oak Grove

Dear Parents/Guardians of Oak Grove students,

My name is Rodney Yokota and I am the pre-1st Advanced Orchestra teacher at Oak Grove. Our class meets before school every day from 7:20 - 8:00am.

I would like to extend an invitation for your student to join our Advanced Orchestra class. This class was originally purposed for Oak Grove 7th and 8th grade students. However, over the years we have accepted many younger students who have previous experience playing string instruments. Many of these younger students benefit greatly by playing in a group setting 5 days a week.

Our Oak Grove Grade 5 and Grade 6 Orchestras will continue to meet two times each week during the normally scheduled time. This year, it is Wednesdays from 8:15 – 9:05 am and Friday afternoons from 12:40 – 1:30 pm or 1:35 to 2:25. Mrs. Jennifer Farrenkopf, the Orchestra teacher, will communicate more information with you about that. If your student is in Grade 5 or Grade 6 and also joins our Advanced Orchestra class, your student would also continue in the Grade 5/6 Orchestra program.

With that being said, I would love to hear back from you:

- If your student has been taking private lessons on a string instrument (violin, viola, cello and bass) and would like to join, regardless of their grade
- If your student is a 6th grader who played in Orchestra last year

Please email me if your student would like to join and be sure to include:

- Their name and grade
- What instrument they play
- How long they have been playing
- Do they take private lessons (and their teacher's name)

Please email me if you have any other questions about our Oak Grove Advanced Orchestra class.

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