

Dear 6th-Grade Students and Parents,

We are offering the exciting opportunity of Sixth-Grade String Orchestra at Sage Creek Elementary School! Students will learn to play a string instrument, develop a love of music, build collaborative and creative skills, and have tons of FUN! Performances this year will be limited due to COVID-19, but we will be taking distancing and sanitary precautions in class to still make orchestra possible. We are fortunate to have Mr. Ben Hale teaching these classes this year for his 4th year now. He loves music and has been playing the violin for the last 14 years, the piano for the last 12, and has participated in many orchestras, including most recently the BYU Symphony.

Tuition is **\$75** for the entire school year. If your child qualifies for a fee waiver (free lunch), please talk to the school secretary about waiving tuition.

Sixth grade orchestra instruments include **violins, violas, cellos, and basses**. Students must bring and be responsible for their own instrument. Students can rent or buy instruments through most local music stores. The store personnel will be happy to measure the student for the right size instrument. The District does have a few cellos, violas, and a bass available to rent (we don't have violins). The cost is **\$100** for the school year. However, this inventory is very limited, so please contact Mr. Hale as soon as possible.

We will be learning from the *Measures of Success book 1 by Gail Barnes*. Each student will need a copy of this book. This method book is available at most music stores.

Orchestra will be held immediately before school on **Mondays, Wednesdays, and every other Friday**. Students will be provided with a calendar to keep track of which days orchestra classes and concerts will be held.

If students or parents are interested in what instruments might be available or if you have any questions, you may contact Mr. Ben Hale at **ben.hale@nebo.edu** or **(385) 497-3654** (text or call).

Please fill out and return the form below to the office if your child is interested in participating in this great opportunity.

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**YES! I want to be a part of the ORCHESTRA**

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Desired Instrument (circle): Violin Viola Cello Bass

Does the student already play any instrument(s)? If so, what instrument(s) and for how long?

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My child has my permission to participate in the Sixth-Grade Orchestra Program at Sage Creek Elementary.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_