

ORCHESTRA INFORMATION

For both Ramay and Woodland Junior High

Please fill out the Google Instrument Info Form (if you haven't already): <http://fpsorch.weebly.com/>



Dear Parents,

We have been working hard to prepare for playing instruments in class starting this Monday Aug. 27th. There are several important items and concepts that students need to cover before starting for the first time. We spent time getting to know everyone, resized instruments, learned the names of the instrument parts, discussed care and maintenance of the instrument (instrument survival guide), demonstrated correct set up and playing posture, and worked on music theory skills that will be essential in learning to play the instrument successfully.

“Instrument Night” was Aug. 16th. Do not worry if you weren't able to attend. You can still get an instrument at this time. Please let us know if you need any help in finding an instrument or if you need to possibly borrow an instrument until you're able to get one. Having your own good quality instrument is really the best! This can be a rental instrument or an instrument purchased from a reputable instrument dealer. We also have a limited number of school instruments that are available for check out/rental-maintenance fee if you are unable to get one from an instrument shop. We also offer scholarship help to cover the school instrument rental-maintenance fee so that each student can have an instrument to participate in orchestra.

Please fill out the online instrument info form on our website if you have not done so already (**fpsorch.weebly.com**) direct link to the form (**<https://goo.gl/forms/6cneTVRF8EWvDPA63>**). You can also contact us if you need any help or have any questions.

Note: All bass students will have a shared instrument at school to use and will need one for home (let us know if you need help getting one). We try to have a cello at school for as many students as possible, but you will need to have an instrument to practice on at home (let us know if you need help). Cellos and basses are usually not allowed on the bus (they can be broken). If you buy an instrument, explain to the dealer/person that the sale is NOT complete until your child's teacher has checked the instrument. Low quality instruments, instruments that need repairs and bows that are not straight will not be acceptable. These are frustrating to the student and teachers plus they take up valuable class time.

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Some reputable dealers of strings, music and instruments at reasonable prices:

Local Shops (Rogers): www.palmerviolinshop.com 479.621.0777

(Fayetteville) www.saiedmusic.com 479.571.2400

(Springdale) www.palenmusic.com (479) 464-8877

swstrings.com (online) robertsonviolins.com (online)

sharmusic.com (online) jwpepper.com and lucksmusic.com (sheet music)

** Do not buy red label or black diamond strings!*

7th & 8th grade orchestra supplies needed

Check List:

_____ **SEVENTH GRADE-** Essential Elements Book 1 for chosen instrument (**Required**)

_____ **EIGHTH GRADE-** Essential Elements Book 2 for chosen instruments (**Required**)

_____ Rosin (CHECK IN YOUR CASE BEFORE PURCHASING) included with school instruments.

_____ Violins and violas need a shoulder rest (Kun or Everest) (**Required**)

_____ Rock Stop (all cellos and basses) (**Required**)

_____ Folding music stand (for home)

_____ Metronome/tuner (optional but important) – may use phone, laptop or computer

Please let us know if you need help with something from the supplies list.

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