



# ORCHESTRA

Evelyn Champion, Director

## Orchestra Notes Week 8

Good afternoon Orchestra parents,

Our Music Department Fundraiser is ongoing...through our Musicon event after school on October 14. Remember permission slips are due by Friday, October 7 and all donations are due on October 13 or 14. The letter is posted here: [MUSICON LETTER. Parents, if you are available to donate items or chaperone PLEASE CLICK HERE. Thank you all for your support!](#)

There will be NO Fiddle Fun Friday this week. Instead the 8<sup>th</sup> grade orchestra will be performing for a retirement reception before school. Please arrive before 8:00 a.m. to perform. School clothes are fine. Afterwards we will have doughnuts 😊

As part of our **Personalized Learning Initiative**, we will begin to slowly integrate **Essential Elements Interactive** in orchestra, which is music learning software that can dramatically improve students' skills by transforming the way they practice and learn. As students perform along with music on-screen, they also hear their part in context with professional accompaniment.

To create a parent account, Go to [www.essentialelementsinteractive.com](http://www.essentialelementsinteractive.com)

Step 1: Click on Parents logo and click Join Your Child's Class

Step 2: Enter School Code: NorthwesternOrchestra (no space)

Enter Student ID: your child's student ID number

Step 3: Create your Username and Password

Step 4: Agree to terms

\* After you create your account, you will use your username and password to log-in from that point forward.

We will travel to see the Atlanta Symphony on October 21<sup>st</sup>. The deadline to be put on the waiting list is September 30, *before school*- students must have the signed permission slip and payment.

The eighth grade trip to  is ON! More info coming soon!

We will have All State practice EVERY Tuesday and Thursday at 8am. We will begin working on sight reading, an important component of the audition. I HIGHLY recommend SmartMusic for any student auditioning for All State. Students will need to purchase a SmartMusic Classic subscription and microphone for home through this link: <https://store.makemusic.com/store/?tab=smartmusic>



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Upcoming Orchestra dates:

- ♪ **MUSICCON will be Friday, October 14.**
- ♪ **Fall Orchestra Concert is Tuesday, October 18** in the gym. Look for a flyer coming home soon.
- ♪ **Atlanta Symphony Field Trip is October 21.**
- ♪ **Kennesaw State University Workshops- sign up at this link:**  
<http://arts.kennesaw.edu/music/concerts-and-events/festivals-workshops.php>
  - Click here to view the flyer: [KSU Viola Day](#) October 8, 2016
  - Click here to view the flyer: [KSU Cellobration](#) October 22, 2016
  - Click here to view the flyer: [KSU Bass Fest](#) October 22, 2016

Did you miss any of the notes from past weeks?? If so, here is the link: <http://nmsperforms.org/orchestra-notes/>

Please contact me at any time with questions. Thank you,  
Mrs. Evelyn Champion