



Orchestra Notes Week 13

Good afternoon Orchestra parents,

We are already working on our Winter Concert and Performance Evaluation music. Eighth grade is also learning Disney Music. Students should be practicing regularly and turning in their assignments on EssentialElementsInteractive.com. Please see this handout for more information: [EEi Handout](#)

TOMORROW IS FIDDLE FUN FRIDAY!!!

We will play Disney and Holiday music, and we are also starting Fiddlers Philharmonic and Mariachi Philharmonic. Come in by 8 am for some fiddling fun with your friends! (Could someone send doughnuts, please?)

PLEASE HELP WITH RECRUITING FOR ORCHESTRA IN THE COMMUNITY

Through heavy recruiting efforts at the beginning of the school year, I was able to increase the sixth grade orchestra from 30 students to 50 students. My goal next year is to have 100 sixth graders, 50 in each class. Orchestra is for everyone, so the bigger the better! Parents, you could help with this by talking to your friends and neighbors in the community. Here are a few points you could make:

- Orchestra teaches discipline, responsibility, commitment, perseverance, teamwork and more!
 - Is a class that meets every day, minimal outside of school commitment required
 - Amazing performance and field trip opportunities
 - Low cost compared to many extracurriculars
 - Develops higher order thinking skills, creativity, musicality
 - Is FUN!

SEVENTH GRADE FIELD TRIP TO CRABAPPLE CROSSING

The seventh grade orchestra class will be performing at Crabapple Crossing on December 7th. The goal of this trip is recruiting more fifth graders to join orchestra next year. A permission slip with all of the details went home this week. Please send it back as soon as possible. This trip will be paid for with MUSICON funds donated by 7th grade families. It is not too late to donate to MUSICON!

MUSICON

Thank you so much for your generous support of our MUSICON fundraiser! The orders for our new chairs and stands has been placed! Participation rates are Eighth Grade: 47%, Seventh Grade: 52%,



ORCHESTRA

Evelyn Champion, Director

and Sixth Grade: **67%**! We *almost* **DOUBLED** the funds raised in 2015-2016! This is incredible- **THANK YOU** all for your support!! If you haven't donated yet, it isn't too late. Please send your donation ASAP (no matter how big or how small- every little bit counts!) so we can continue to improve and expand!!

MARK WOOD CONCERT

On Thursday December 1st, Eighth Grade and selected Seventh Grade students will perform a concert with [Mark Wood](#) at Cambridge High School. Tickets are available at <http://www.cambridgeorchestra.ludustickets.com>. Come out and support NMS and Cambridge Orchestras!

PHOTOS FROM THE CONCERT

Before the concert on October 18th, students had individual photos made with their instruments that will be used for a composite photo. This service was provided free of charge by [Prestige Digital Imaging](#). The only income the photographers receive are when parents purchase portraits. Please support this project by purchasing a package. They offer a 100% money back guarantee if you are not satisfied with your photos. Please visit pdiporraits.com and click on "MUSIC PKGS" or "MUSIC GIFTS." In addition to the photo packages there are a number of cute items such as mugs, pens, and magnets. After you make your selections, you will need to enter your "Students Full Name" and then Northwestern Orchestra under School Name and Program Name. You can check out securely with a credit card and your order will be shipped directly to you. There are no proofs on the website, but all students viewed and chose their best shot at the concert. If you would like to see a proof before purchasing you may email Kelly, kelly@digitalfotos.com.

The candid photos of the concert will be available soon!

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