



August 2020

Dear Parents of Rising 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Graders,

We are very pleased to be able to offer your child **instrumental** and **choral** music instruction virtually this school year!

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: *String Orchestra & Chorus***

Third grade students are invited to play a string instrument (**Violin, Viola, or Cello**)! Group string lessons begin virtually in October, during the school day, one time per cycle. Third grade students are also invited to sing in the Chorus! Chorus rehearsals will begin virtually in October (more details to come from your music teacher!).

### **4<sup>th</sup> Grade: *String Orchestra, Band, & Chorus***

Fourth grade students are invited to play a string instrument (**Violin, Viola, Cello**), a band instrument (**Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Alto Saxophone, Trumpet, French horn, Trombone, Baritone, Percussion/Bell Kit**), and/or sing in the Chorus! Group instrument lessons begin virtually in October, during the school day, one time per cycle. Fourth Grade Orchestra and Chorus rehearsals will begin virtually in October (more details to come from your music teacher!).

### **Registration: [www.tesd.net/VFmusic](http://www.tesd.net/VFmusic)**

Musicians may participate in more than one ensemble! Visit your music teacher's web page (above) to register. If you already signed up in the spring, you do not need to sign up again. **Please register by Friday, October 2, 2020.**

### **Acquiring an Instrument**

For String/Band lessons, we ask that you provide your child with an instrument, book, and supplies by the first lesson. You may choose to use an instrument that you have in your possession (must be in excellent playing condition and proper size) or you may elect to rent an instrument. **A list of music stores and important supplies is on the back.** Please be sure your child accompanies you to the music store to ensure that he/she receives the correct size instrument. If you are unable to provide an instrument for your child, please contact your school Guidance Counselor regarding the District's FLITE program.

Thank you for your interest in the music program at Tredyffrin/Easttown School District!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Emily Nation – Band & Chorus – [NationE@tesd.net](mailto:NationE@tesd.net)

Mrs. Abbey Mertz- Strings/Orchestra- [MertzA@tesd.net](mailto:MertzA@tesd.net)

Ms. Shannon Downing- District Music Supervisor- [DowningS@tesd.net](mailto:DowningS@tesd.net)

## TAKE THIS PAGE WITH YOU TO THE MUSIC STORE

### Music Stores

These vendors have expressed interest in working with our district.  
Their listing does not necessarily denote endorsement by the school district.

#### Music and Arts

380 W. Lancaster Avenue  
Wayne, PA  
610-687-1721

#### Music and Arts

Whiteland Towne Ctr  
181 W. Lincoln Highway  
Exton, PA  
484-875-0101

#### Taylor's Music

116 W. Gay Street  
West Chester, PA  
610-696-1812

### Music Books & Supplies

#### *Strings*

- 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Lesson Book:  
*Essential Elements for Strings, Book 1*, Allen, Gillespie, Hayes & Higgins
- All violin and violas need a shoulder rest or sponge. (this can be purchased at the music store)
- All string instruments need fingerboard tape. (this should be done at the music store)
- All string instruments need to be the appropriate size. (the music store can size your child)

#### *Band*

- Lesson Book:  
*Standard of Excellence ENHANCED, Book 1*, Bruce Pearson, Neil A. Kjos Music Co.
- **Flute:** cleaning rod and swab/handkerchief
- **Clarinet:** packet of **size 2 reeds\***, cleaning swab, cork grease
- **Saxophone:** packet of **size 2 reeds\*** cleaning swab, cork grease, neck strap
- **Oboe:** 3 double reeds (**medium-soft**)\*, cleaning swab, cork grease
- \*Reeds are delicate pieces of wood that will break easily and do not last forever. You will need to purchase more as they are used throughout the school year.
- **Trumpet, Baritone, and French Horn:** valve oil
- **Trombone:** slide cream
- **Percussion:** purchase or rent a **Bell Kit** (includes bells, mallets, snare pad, sticks)