

Dear Fifth Grade Parents,

August 10, 2006

Your child will have the opportunity to participate in Palo Alto's outstanding music program this year.

Beginning instrumental instruction for fifth grade students is offered on violin, viola, cello, flute, clarinet, trumpet, and trombone. Fourth and fifth grade student's who have studied a string instrument for one year or more and read music, may participate in the orchestra (pending music teacher approval). All 5th graders participate in the instrumental program and will not miss other academic instruction to attend music class.

It is expected that fifth grade students will rent, borrow, or buy an instrument and a music stand. **Music stores, listed in the Yellow Pages under Musical Instruments-Retail, can provide you with specific rental information.** Some local stores are listed on the back for your convenience. There are a few school-owned instruments (a \$50 donation to help defer the cost of repairs is requested) and stands available for students with financial need.

Classes will start during the week of August 28. Students should try to obtain an instrument by September 6th but do not need to bring them to the first two class meetings.

Participation in the instrumental music class is a full-year program. Students will be encouraged to practice twenty minutes a day, five days a week. Parents will receive reports indicating their child's progress.

A presentation describing the music program will be given for the students at each school. If you would like to attend the demonstration the schedule is listed below.

WEDNESDAY (8/23)

Nixon----- 8:15
Escondido----- 9:15
Walter Hays-- 10:30
Ohlone----- 12:15

THURSDAY (8/24)

Barron Park-- 9:15
Briones----- 10:30
El Carmelo--- 12:50
Fairmeadow- 1:50

FRIDAY (8/25)

Addison----- 9:00
Duveneck---- 10:30
Palo Verde--- 12:30
Hoover----- 1:45

If you need further information please contact the District Music Office, 329-3944.

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