

Canton Public Schools Performing Arts Department

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Fall 2009 Preview: STRINGS

4th and 5th Grade Beginning Orchestra

Starting next year, each elementary school will have its own **Beginning String Orchestra** with violins, violas, cellos and basses. Beginners and students with playing experience may join. Mrs. Lesser will be at each elementary school one morning per week to rehearse with all string students. Days are still TBD but the rehearsal times are set for 7:50-8:20 (JFK and Hansen) and 8:25-8:55 (Luce).

Canton Honor Orchestra

String students who have mastered some basic playing skills can join the Canton Honor Orchestra. This all-town group rehearses for an hour with Mrs. Lesser after school, one day per week. This after school program is generously funded by MusicCounts!

6th Grade Orchestra

Students going into 6th Grade in September, 2009 are invited to join the first-ever **Galvin Middle School 6th Grade Orchestra!** This group will meet during the school day, as band and chorus already do, for 2 days out of the 6 day cycle. Beginners and experienced string players are welcome to join this group. If your child would like to join the 6th grade Orchestra and has not already informed Mrs. Lesser, please send an email to Sarah Gardner, Performing Arts Coordinator at gardners@cantonma.org with **6th Grade Orchestra** as the subject. In the email please include:

- 1) student name
- 2) parent(s) / guardian name and phone number
- 3) elementary school
- 4) instrument
- 5) indicate if your child is a continuing string student or a beginner

****Information on instrument rental and purchase on the other side!***

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Fall Preview: SCHOOL MUSIC GROUPS

CHORUS

Something exciting is starting in September, 2009! **The JFK and Luce Schools are piloting 5th Grade Chorus!** All 5th grade students will participate in this school group that will rehearse during the school day! They will practice singing and ensemble skills (*being a musician in a large group*), learn a variety of music, and reinforce teamwork and school pride! The 5th Grade Chorus will perform in school and at the All-Town Elementary Spring Concert!

Although the Hansen School is not piloting the 5th Grade Chorus, students who will be in the **4th and 5th Grade are invited to join the Hansen Chorus** which meets before school from 7:50-8:20. The Hansen Chorus will also perform in school and at the All-Town Elementary Spring Concert.

BAND

2009-2010 5th Graders who wish to play a band instrument may choose from flute, clarinet, alto saxophone, trumpet, trombone and percussion. Beginner lessons are before school from 7:50-8:20 (JFK and Hansen) and 8:25-8:55 (Luce).

ALL-TOWN BAND

Students who participate in the before school lesson program are invited to join the **All-Town Band** which will meet after school for one hour each week. "ATB" rehearsals provide a large group experience for students to practice playing together with many musicians and learn music with several different parts. This after school program is generously funded by MusicCounts!

Instrument Rental and Purchase

Next fall, 4th and 5th graders will attend an in-school assembly to see and hear the different instruments. We will hold an "Instrument Rental Night" at the Galvin Middle School. You can make arrangements with the vendors to rent or purchase an instrument and the supplies needed to get started. Rental rates range from \$24 -\$40 depending on the instrument.