

# Eagle Rock 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Strings Program



Dear Parents and Students,

Fifth and Sixth grade students from your school are invited to participate in the Eagle Rock Elementary Strings Program! Instruction is available for any students interested in playing the violin, viola and cello. Here are the details:

**Class schedule\* and information: Classes will officially start on Monday, September 18th. If you have any questions, you can e-mail me at: [claydavi@sd91.org](mailto:claydavi@sd91.org) .**

1<sup>st</sup> years: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 2:45 to 3:35 in the Eagle Rock choir room

2<sup>nd</sup> years: Tuesday, Thursday 2:45 to 3:35 in the Eagle Rock choir room

Book: Sound Innovations, Bk 1 (be careful to select your desired instrument)

No prior musical experience necessary

\*Depending on class size we may have 1<sup>st</sup> year follow this schedule: Mon (Cello/Bass), Wed (Violin/Viola), Fri (all). I will inform you within the first week.

## **Here's what you'll need for class:**

- An instrument in good repair – The district has instruments, while supplies last, for a small maintenance fee of \$75 for the school year.
- Your music book (listed above)
- Rosin
- Cleaning rag
- Violin/Viola: Shoulder Rest or sponge (we will determine which in the first days of class)
- Cello/Bass: Rock Stop

## **Transportation:**

Bus transportation from your child's school to Eagle Rock will be provided, with the exception of students from Ethel Boyes. Students from Ethel Boyes will walk to Eagle Rock. **Transportation home MAY be available** – please check with the District #91 transportation department (525-7580) to see if space is available and determine which bus to ride. Cellos are allowed on the busses from the elementary school to Eagle Rock, but are not allowed on the busses home.

## **Music Open-House:**

- **When:** September 12<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm to 8:30pm
- **Where:** District Music Office at Compass Academy
  - 955 Garfield St, Idaho Falls, ID 83401
- **What to expect:**
  - Come and meet me, get answers to questions, and get an instrument through the district. If you're unsure about which instrument is right for you, we will have someone there to help. There will be instruments available to see up close and personal!

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## **Instruments:**

In addition to district instruments, local music stores offer competitive rent-to-own programs. Make sure to ask about trade-ins for when your student is ready to upgrade their instrument. While you can find instruments online for good prices, typically those instruments are made very poorly and will cost you significantly more in repairs costs that what the instrument is worth. In some cases, repair shops will refuse to work on poorly made instruments. Please email me if you need help deciding.

The District Music Office is located at 955 Garfield – Compass Academy building on the northwest side. The office hours are 12:30 to 4:15pm Monday through Friday, 525-7572. Please call Sharon Cole in advance to make sure she is available.

## **Attendance:**

It's important for students and their families to understand that signing up for Orchestra is a commitment and that we expect their attendance just like we do at school and other activities. Students who miss class frequently often end up struggling and eventually quitting.

**CUT AND BRING THIS FORM WITH YOU ON THE FIRST DAY OF CLASS!!**

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Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Instrument: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_