

## Silver Mesa Orchestra

Welcome to orchestra! We are going to have a fabulous year learning how to play string instruments, read music, and perform as an ensemble.

We will have our beginning rehearsals Tuesdays, advanced Thursdays, and both groups together Fridays at 7:20AM when school is in session from September through May. Rehearsals are at 7:20AM and will be in the Kiva. We will be performing for the school, probably with the sing-along in December, and at evening concerts in December and May. More information will be given to you as we approach those concerts.

There is a participation fee of \$180.00 for the school year. Payments can be made in full, in two equal parts of \$90.00 for each term, or monthly for \$22.50. There are no refunds. If your student is on fee waiver, a separate fee waiver must be turned in to the office for orchestra.

Payments can be made by credit card through Cindee Clawson at 801-826-5341. If you'd like to pay by cash or check you can either send it through the teacher or mail it directly to the district:  
Canyons School District  
attn. Sharee Jorgensen  
9150 South 500 West  
Sandy, UT 84070  
Please make checks out to *Canyons School District* and **be sure to include the student's name, grade, and school.**

We will be using the book **Essential Elements for Strings, book one**. Please obtain a copy to bring to our rehearsal on **Tuesday, September 22nd or Thursday, September 24th**, depending on which group your student is in. There will be some loose sheet music, along with a folder, provided to each student later.

The first rehearsal we will be using our instruments **Tuesday, September 22nd or Thursday, September 24th**, depending on which group your student is in. There are a bunch of vendors in the area you can either rent or buy from, including Summerhay's Music, Riverton Music, Charles Liu Fine Violins, Day Violins, Peter Prier, and others. There are a few instruments available to rent through the school, see the teacher if you're interested, though these are done on a first-come-first-serve basis. The rental agreement form and payment must be completed and turned in before the student will be allowed to take the instrument home.

I recommend violin and viola students obtain a shoulder rest and cellists get a rock stop.

Students are responsible for the care of their instruments. They are to bring them to each rehearsal and home again for practice. Please see the page on the website under "Student Resources" for some helpful information on this subject.

Our orchestra has a website: [www.elementary-orchestra.weebly.com](http://www.elementary-orchestra.weebly.com) Please review it weekly for updates on what we've been learning and working on, practice assignments, and calendar information.

Parents/guardians are incredibly important! This is the best "fan club" a musician can hope to have! Please encourage your musician to practice, to attend rehearsals regularly and on time, and to believe in him or herself.