



# *Munhall Bulletin*

*June 1, 2018*

## *Important Dates*

- Monday, June 4**      **Field Day - Students should wear the following colored shirts:**  
**Kindergarten – White**  
**Gr. 1 – Green**  
**Gr. 2 – Red**  
**Gr. 3 – Purple**  
**Gr. 4 – Blue**  
**Gr. 5 – Munhall T-shirt**
- Tuesday, June 5**      **Last Day of School**  
  
**Report Cards on Home Access Center**  
  
**Grade 5 Field Trip**



## *From the Principal*

### **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Clap Out**

On June 5th, Munhall will hold their Clap Out for current 5th grade students. The clap out will officially start at 2:40 pm. All students in grades K to 4th will line the hallways and clap as the 5th graders take their final tour of the school. The route will begin at the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade hallway, and then proceed past the LRC and down the ramps. Students will then walk around the loop with the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classrooms before heading back toward the main entrance. The route will conclude by having the students exit through the main entrance. 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will then walk to the grassy area along 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue to be picked up by parents. 5th grade parents will line both sides hallways and gallery areas between our STRIVE classrooms and 5<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms. If parents are not able to attend the clap out, students will follow their typical dismissal routine. We encourage you to arrive by 2:30, ready to go. We look forward to sending our 5<sup>th</sup> grade students off in style!

### **Field Day**

Field Day for all K-5 students is Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. Students will engage in outdoor fun that is sure to bring excitement to all. Be sure to apply sunscreen to your child **before** arriving to school and send your child with a water bottle. If you'd like to volunteer during this event, please visit our invitation page on Volunteer Spot: <http://signup.com/go/rSdJMLC>.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Trimester Report Cards**

Report Cards for our 3<sup>rd</sup> Trimester will be available on Home Access Center on the morning of June 5<sup>th</sup>. If you have forgotten your username or password for HAC, please contact the main office at 331-228-2600. Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Townsend will provide you with this information.

Have a great weekend!

Jarrod Buxton, Principal

## *From the Secretary*

### **Lost and Found**

The Lost and Found items are on display outside the main office. Please stop by to claim your belongings. All items left on the last day of school will be donated.

### **2017-2018 Yearbook Orders**

The office does not keep a list of students who have purchased a yearbook. All yearbook orders were placed with TreeRing. Please contact TreeRing directly at 877-755-8733 to order. The Munhall School passcode is 1014133182771719.

## *Field Day*

Munhall's annual Field Day will be held on Monday, June 4<sup>nd</sup>, 2018. We are working hard to create a fun-filled day for all! Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes will participate in an ALL-Day long Field Day. Each grade level will still have their normal scheduled lunch time. If the weather doesn't cooperate, our Field Day will be CANCELLED and unfortunately field day will NOT be rescheduled. Let's hope for great weather!!

Students will enjoy many outdoor/indoor activities. For the day's activities, they will need to be dressed comfortably with tennis-type shoes. If you believe that your child will need sunscreen for field day, please apply it at home before sending your child to school. You may want to give consideration to using a product that has a longer duration and continuous coverage. Also, please send a filled water bottle labeled with your child's first and last name.

## *From the School Nurse*

If your child has medication in the Nurse's office, please pick it up by 6/5/18. Any medication not picked up by 3:00pm on June 5 will be disposed of.

The snack and party policy for 2018-19 has changed. Please see attachment at the end of the newsletter. The policy will also be available on the Munhall website under "Our School" tab. Please click the "Services" tab and then the "Health Services" tab to access the policy.

## *LRC News*

- Last Friday, May 25, all student books were due in the library. Notices and emails have been sent home, if your child still needs to return a book. Please take a look around your house/car(s) and send books/fees in ASAP. We appreciate your help in this matter!
- There is an opportunity to have your children read all summer long, even if they do not have access to a library. Capstone Interactive has thousands of e-books that you can read online. The program is available May 1, 2018 – August 31, 2018. Follow this [link](#) to access the program: Username – summer18  
Password – lovetoread
- Don't forget about the St. Charles Public Library this summer! Check out their updated student space and get your kids enrolled in a book club (started May 30!) or other activities. For more info, see the end of this newsletter.

## *Band News*

### **4<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Enrollment**

All students have now had the opportunity to try the instruments available in Beginning Band. If your child is interested in joining the band program, please either fill out the form that came home with your child or register online [here](#).

## *Orchestra News*

### **For New Orchestra Families:**

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Orchestra Information meetings! I am looking forward to working with your children next school year! You may complete the online registration with this link: [D303 New Orchestra Student Registration](#). Remember to make arrangements for a rental instrument! Please email me at [rita.borkowski@d303.org](mailto:rita.borkowski@d303.org) if you have any questions.

Registration for the one-week August Beginner Strings camp classes is available through this link below. Please see the Orchestra Program Packet for a listing of class times for this highly recommended class.

[August Beginner Strings Camps Munhall, Norton Creek, Anderson](#)

### **For Current Orchestra Students:**

Thank you for a terrific year! Everyone has made tremendous progress, and I look forward to continuing our work next school year. You may register for Orchestra through PushCoin along with the regular school fees.

Keep your child playing this summer! Registration for the June Summer Camp for Current Orchestra Students is currently taking place:

- Junior Strings (4th Grade 2018-2019) [goo.gl/q5qQmT](http://goo.gl/q5qQmT)
- Cadet Orchestra (5th grade 2018-2019) [goo.gl/bfsfQE](http://goo.gl/bfsfQE)
- Advanced Strings (6th,7th, 8th grade 2018-2019) [goo.gl/7ZEzLp](http://goo.gl/7ZEzLp)

## *From the PTO*

### **New Family Buddy Program**

Are you an amazing Munhall family that is looking to help an incoming Munhall family with the transition into a new school? If so, we have the program for you! Please consider being a mentor family to a family that will be new to Munhall in the upcoming school year. Using this form <https://goo.gl/forms/VI2CJE59t7SsXjME3>, you will be matched with a new family and are encouraged to reach out to the family and be supportive in their transition to Munhall. Thank you, in advance, for considering this program... it will be a great way to help build a strong Munhall School community!

### **Pre-Packaged School Supplies**

It's that time of year! This year we have chosen to sell supplies through School Tool Box. Place your order online and they will be delivered directly to your home address. You can even customize your order by adding or removing items from the teacher-approved list. See attached flyer for details. Questions? Please email [munhallschoolsupplies@gmail.com](mailto:munhallschoolsupplies@gmail.com)

# MUNHALL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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## **Munhall Elementary School Healthy School Snack Guidelines**

Munhall Elementary is implementing guidelines for a healthy snack at all grade levels, Kindergarten through 5th in the 2018-19 School Year.

### **Why a healthy snack?**

Childhood obesity has become a nationwide concern. Research proves children do better in school when they have at least 9-10 hours of sleep, a balanced diet, including 2 nutritional snacks daily, and exercise. As educators, we want what is best for students, so we are implementing guidelines for a healthy snack during the day. The Center for Science in the Public Interest recommends snacks in school be fruit and vegetables, since most children do not eat the recommended number of servings of fruit and vegetables.

### **Guidelines:**

- The only snacks allowed in the classrooms include a fruit or a vegetable.
- All snacks will be working snacks lasting no more than 15 mins.
- Snack will be worked into the classroom schedule by a teacher.
- Any foods other than fruits or vegetables will **not** be allowed. These items will be returned home if brought in.
- The only beverage allowed with snack is water.
- No food will be stored in the classroom and all uneaten opened snacks will be disposed of. Unopened snacks will be sent home.
- Bringing a daily snack of individual portion is the responsibility of the child, no snack will be provided by the school.
- Sharing of all food is not permitted.

Listed below are some healthy choices to help guide you when deciding on your child's snack. Acceptable snacks include but may not be limited to:

- Any fruit or vegetable, washed and cut if necessary
- Raisins, dried fruit
- Frozen grapes or other frozen fruit
- Apple sauce
- Pickles
- Fruit cups or canned fruit
- Cut up peppers, edamame
- Fruit salad

Thank you for your cooperation in adhering to these guidelines as we strive to become a healthier school and bring good nutrition to the forefront.

**Munhall Elementary School  
Party and Classroom Teaching  
Food Policy**

**Munhall Elementary will be implementing a no food during classroom celebrations and classroom reward policy. There will also be no food used during teaching time without the written consent of the principal.**

*“Rewarding children with unhealthy foods in school undermines our efforts to teach them about good nutrition. It’s like teaching children a lesson on the importance of not smoking, and then handing out ashtrays and lighters to the kids who did the best job listening.”*

-Marlene Schwartz, PhD, Co-Director Rudd Center for Food Policy and Obesity, Yale University

**Benefits of Non-Food, Healthy Celebrations**

- Healthy kids learn better
- Promotes a healthy school environment
- Promotes consistent health messages
- Promotes focus on person and event rather than on food

School policies are changing because there is so much more information about health and nutrition than we did a generation ago. There is nostalgia for the parties and celebrations we, as parents, had as students, but because of all of this information, we need to evolve. .

**Birthdays:**

May be celebrated at school without student-provided food. Alternative non-food birthday celebrations may be used.

**Classroom Parties:**

- Fall
- Winter
- Valentine’s Day

Classroom parties must be celebrated at school without food. Alternative non-food classroom celebrations are allowable.

**Resources:**

Action for Healthy Kids: Healthy Non-Food Rewards  
Iowa State University: Non-Food Alternatives  
Center for Science in the Public Interest: Healthy Classroom Celebrations  
Clemson Cooperative Extension: Non-Food Rewards for Kids  
Choose Myplate 10 Tips: Make Celebrations Fun, Healthy  
Active Iowa Team Nutrition  
Alliance for a Healthier Generation  
Let’s Move! Active Schools

**Ideas for school parties:**

<http://www.safe4kids.net/wp-content/uploads/school-celebrations.pdf>

# Customize and Order Online Today!

Dear Parents,

We are happy to announce that we have chosen to sell prepackaged school supplies for the next school year through School Tool Box™. Place your order online and it will be **DELIVERED DIRECTLY TO YOUR HOME ADDRESS**. You will have the option to **CUSTOMIZE** your order by adding or removing items from the teacher-approved list. Already have a ruler or scissors? Remove them. Need an additional box of crayons for home or supplies for a sibling? Add them. It's that simple! **Order today!**



**School Name:**

Munhall Elementary  
St. Charles, IL

**Ordering Available:**

Beginning April 23rd

**Allow 10 days for processing.**

Kindergarten - \$48.98  
1st Grade - \$48.96  
2nd Grade - \$46.79  
3rd Grade - \$57.37  
4th Grade - \$55.10  
5th Grade - \$57.66

[schooltoolbox.com](http://schooltoolbox.com)



You're cordially invited to the

Ribbon Cutting and Open House Celebration

# STUDENT STREET



A cool new space for students  
grades K through 8.  
Make an origami swan! Prizes  
for the first 60 students.

**Friday, June 8 ■ 12:00-2:00 p.m.**  
**St. Charles Public Library**  
**One South Sixth Avenue**  
**St. Charles, IL 60174**

*Special thanks to the Jensen Family and St. Charles Library  
Foundation for their generous donation.*



**St. Charles Public Library**  
One South Sixth Avenue  
St. Charles, IL 60174  
630-584-0076  
scpld.org



# Summer Book Club

STARTING MAY 30

## Register NOW!

Reading Takes You Everywhere! at your Library this summer. Simply register with your St. Charles Library Card, get a book log and see where reading will take you. Stop in to see all the great rewards from local sponsors, including the Friends of St. Charles Library.



NEW this year – Take the challenge and read 1,000 minutes in 20-minute segments with the Read by the Clock book club for independent readers.

## Why read?

- Research has shown that reading over the summer prevents reading loss / summer slide
- Students who read recreationally out-perform those who do not.
- Students read more when they select books based on their own interests.
- Best of all, it's fun!



Get ready for a summer of fun at your Library! Discover Your Library has the complete list of events for the whole family, including LEGOS®, reptiles, life-

size games, concerts, babysitter training, juggler, a drawing workshop, reading to Rover, used book sale and more. Registration for Youth Events begins Saturday, May 26.

**St. Charles Public Library**

One South Sixth Avenue

St. Charles, IL 60174

630-584-0076

scpld.org



# Anderson, Norton Creek and Munhall Orchestra Program

2018-2019





## Orchestra Enrollment Checklist 2018 - 2019

1. Complete the online registration with this link:  
[D303 New Orchestra Student Registration](#)

or scan this code to enroll online:



- Please enroll for the Orchestra Program by May 24<sup>th</sup>, so we can plan for next year.
- If unable to register online, please complete the Enrollment form in the Orchestra packet and hand in to your school office.

2. Register for the **August Beginner Strings Class**.

- Please sign up online via the PushCoin Webstore: <https://store.d303.org>.
  - On the left, type in your school.
  - Then, check the subcategory "Beginner Strings" to find the beginning strings listings for your school.
- The link below will take you to a listing of class times available:

[August Beginner Strings Camps Munhall, Norton Creek, Anderson](#)

- Or...scan this code to take you to the August Beginner Strings camp listings for Munhall, Norton Creek and Anderson Schools.



3. Contact one of the district's recommended rental companies to arrange for an instrument.

4. Purchase the book Essential Elements 2000 for your child's instrument, available through the rental company.

5. Purchase or obtain a music stand for home practice.

# Orchestra at Munhall, Norton Creek and Anderson 2018 -2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome to all future string students! We are excited that you are considering enrolling your child in the orchestra program! Students can begin a string instrument in 3rd, 4th or 5th grade. With your encouragement and support, playing music will become a natural part of your child's life. There are many benefits to being involved in orchestra. Besides learning new musical skills, students develop creativity, discipline and responsibility. They will learn to work as a team and enhance their ability to use critical thinking skills.

The decision to play an instrument is not a small one. It will require time, patience, and a commitment to practice; however, it will be a very rewarding experience. Participation in music will give them something to be proud of and hopefully be involved in for a lifetime.

Following is an overview of the String program and a list of the forms you'll need to enroll your child.

- **Orchestra Enrollment . Registration is available online. Please see the form for instructions.**

- **August Beginner Strings Class Flyer and Registration Information.**

- **Orchestra Program Guide.** This is a description of the orchestra program.

**Please note:** Due to the new transitions of students and schools, the location and day of the week for early morning rehearsals for beginning string students is still to be determined. Before School Rehearsals will begin in late September and run through the through the end of April. These rehearsals are from 7:30-8:30 am once a week.

- **Obtaining a Quality String Instrument for Orchestra**

As long as you rent from one of the listed vendors, you will get a quality instrument. With any company, be sure to get the insurance/maintenance plan. The Vendor Fact Sheet (back side) provides a comparison and a brief overview of each of the rental companies, with price, etc.

**Rental / Purchase** It is strongly recommended that you rent an instrument rather than purchase one. As your child grows, they will change instrument sizes several times. String instruments can also be very expensive to repair. Renting an instrument allows you the flexibility of changing to new instrument sizes as needed and includes an instrument/maintenance plan to cover the cost of repairs.

**Instrument Size:** You will need to know what Instrument size your child needs before ordering. Sizing of instruments will take place as soon as possible before the end of school, so you can provide that information to the rental company.

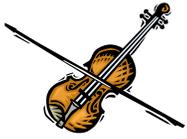
Please contact us if you need assistance with the rental process or have a question about the orchestra program. We are looking forward to seeing your child in orchestra having fun, and making great music very soon.

Sincerely, Orchestra Directors,

Mrs. Rita Borkowski Munhall & Fox Ridge  
Rita.Borkowski@d303.org

Mrs. Elisabeth Mezera Norton Creek & Anderson  
Elisabeth.Mezera@d303.org





# Orchestra Enrollment 2018 – 2019

Online registration for orchestra is available at:  
[D303 New Orchestra Student Registration](#)



or by scanning this code.

**Please enroll for the Orchestra Program by May 24<sup>th</sup>, so we can plan for next year.**

## Fill out this part of the form only if not registering online.

Return to the school office as soon as possible!

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ 2018-2019 Grade in Fall: \_\_\_\_\_

School Attending for the 2018-2019 School Year \_\_\_\_\_

### New Orchestra Student Information

Parent/Guardian names: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address (for school use only): \_\_\_\_\_

Home address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred telephone no: \_\_\_\_\_

Instrument (circle one):      **Violin**              **Viola**              **Cello**              **Bass**

**Fees and Enrollment.** Enrollment is not complete until the \$40 orchestra participation fee has been paid. This fee is listed in the school registration packet sent out earlier this spring. Orchestra registration can be paid online along with the other school fees. If you are unable to pay online, you may use the Mail in Elementary Band/Orchestra Fee Sheet (provided at the end of this packet) along with a check that can be mailed to the address listed on the form. **The school office does not accept checks for registration!**

- I have already paid the orchestra participation fee with the other school fees.
- I plan to pay the \$40 orchestra registration fee with the other school fees.
- I plan to rent an instrument from one of the recommended vendors.
- We have alternate plans regarding an instrument.
- Please enroll my child in the 2018-2019 Orchestra program.

### **August Beginner Class: August 13-17, 2018.**

- I plan to sign up for the August Beginner Class. (Please complete the camp registration either online or with the August Beginner camp mail in form). Please note: the camp registration fee is separate from the orchestra participation fee.
- Not sure yet if we will be able to attend the August Beginner Class.
- Please contact me regarding: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature

Date

# MUNHALL, NORTION CREEK & ANDERSON SCHOOLS

## BEGINNER STRINGS CLASS



There is a one-week summer class for students new to the orchestra program! Students will learn the basic elements of playing their instrument, including:

- proper playing posture
- beginning notes
- rhythms
- instrument care

This class is highly recommended for all beginners. Classes fill quickly, so please register online or complete the mail in registration as soon as possible. Those students that do not attend camp will begin instruction when the school year starts.

Class Name	Class #	Grade	Dates	Days	Time
Bass	MNA - 1	3-5	Aug. 13-17	M-F	8:30-9:15 am
Violin/Viola	MNA - 2	3-5	Aug. 13-17	M-F	9:15-10:00 am
Viola/Viola	MNA - 3	3-5	Aug. 13-17	M-F	10:15-11:00 am
Violin/Viola	MNA - 4	3-5	Aug. 13-17	M-F	11:00-11:45 am
Violin/Viola	MNA - 5	3-5	Aug. 13-17	M-F	12:30 -1:15 pm
Cello	MNA - 6	3-5	Aug. 13-17	M-F	1:15 -2:00 pm
Cello	MNA - 7	3-5	Aug. 13-17	M-F	2:00-2:45 pm

**FEE:** Registration is \$55 per student and must be received by August 1, 2018.

Registration received *after* August 1 will be accepted at the director's discretion.

**Refund Policy:** There is a \$25.00 processing fee for refunds and no refunds will be given after the second day of camp. However, a full refund will be issued if class is cancelled due to lack of enrollment or there is a documented illness or injury. There are no partial refunds or credits for absences.

**INSTRUMENTS:** You need to make rental arrangements as soon as possible. Instruments rented from either of the music companies listed below will be delivered to this class.

- Austin's Violin Shop 630-466-7562 OR
- Quinlan & Fabish Music Company 630-654-4111

**LOCATION:** Munhall Elementary School, 1400 S. 13<sup>th</sup> Ave, St. Charles, IL 60174

For more information, please contact: [rita.borkowski@d303.org](mailto:rita.borkowski@d303.org) or call, 331-228-6047.

# BEGINNER STRINGS CLASS REGISTRATION

HOW TO ENROLL: Online registration is preferred. Please sign up online via the PushCoin Webstore at <https://store.d303.org>. On the left, type in your school. Then, check the subcategory "Beginner Strings" to find the beginning strings listings for your school.

[August Beginner Strings Camps Munhall, Norton Creek, Anderson](#)

Scan this code to take you to the August beginner Strings camp listings for Munhall, Norton Creek and Anderson Schools.



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## BEGINNER STRINGS CLASS MAIL IN REGISTRATION FORM

Please print neatly. (Use this form only if unable to sign up online)

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Birth date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
Street City Zip M D Year

Emergency Contact (other than above): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

School 2018-2019: \_\_\_\_\_

Please enroll my child in the following class #: \_\_\_\_\_ Instrument: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Registration Fee:

The registration fee is \$55. Registration is due by August 1. Registration received after August 1 will be at the director's discretion.

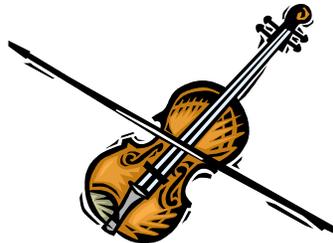
If unable to sign up online, please send this form and your check made payable to C.U.S.D. 303 to:

Bell-Graham Elementary School  
Attn: August Music Coordinator  
4N505 Fox Mill Blvd.  
St. Charles IL 60175

All checks must have a Driver's License number.

**Please Note: Registration is not complete until payment is received.**

# D303 ELEMENTARY STRINGS PROGRAM



## A GUIDE FOR PARENTS

Welcome to the St. Charles Elementary Orchestra Program! The study of music is much more than simply learning to play an instrument. Music benefits young people in many areas of their lives. Communication and social skills are strengthened and creative and analytical skills are nurtured. Learning to play an instrument and participating in an ensemble are valuable experiences for all students. District 303 orchestra directors are committed to providing students with meaningful learning opportunities and positive musical experiences. We look forward to sharing our love and enthusiasm of music with your child!

### **AUGUST 2018 BEGINNER STRINGS CLASS.**

A Beginner Strings Class is held August 13 - 17. This camp is highly recommended since students will get a head start on playing skills and daily instruction to reinforce proper instrument playing position. For more details, see the "*Beginner Strings Class*" flyer.

### **SMALL GROUP LESSONS**

Instruction consists of a 30 minute lesson each week during the school day. Students are placed in small groups according to instrument and participation in the Summer Beginner Class. Lessons give directors time to work more closely with each student to improve fundamentals such as note reading, tone, rhythm, basic music theory, instrument technique, and reading music.

### **LARGE GROUP REHEARSALS**

Students in orchestra participate in weekly ensemble rehearsals which take place once a week before school. These rehearsals are an important and required part of the D303 Elementary Strings Program. If students are attending school that day, they should be at the rehearsal too. Starting dates will be given in the fall and usually run from the first week in October through the end of April. If the rehearsal is not at your child's school, a bus will take them to their home school in time for the start of the school day.

## CONCERTS

There are two required concerts a year. Other performances may include Fiddle Fest, recitals, etc.

## ATTENDANCE & COMMITMENT

Participation in Orchestra requires good attendance and a strong commitment to personal improvement and group contribution. Because rehearsals and performances cannot be made up, students are required to attend all orchestra lessons, group rehearsals, and performances (except for illness or family emergencies). Excessive absences may result in the loss of participation. If the student is well enough to attend school, he/she is expected to attend orchestra. Group rehearsals and lessons will take place each day that school is in session. Changes in the schedule will be announced in advance.

## PRACTICING

A consistent practice routine is an essential aspect of playing a musical instrument. Parental involvement through listening to your child's practice can make a big difference in their success. It is recommended to practice for 10-15 minutes at first, at least 5 days a week. Establishing a consistent routine is very important in order to make steady progress!

## INSTRUMENT

Students need an instrument in good playing condition with proper set up. **Renting** an instrument rather than **purchasing** one is recommended for string instruments for several key reasons. They require maintenance and regular service, and students will go through several sizes as they grow. Most students begin playing on a 1/4, 1/2 or 3/4 size instrument, and take a few years before they are ready for a full size. Please see "Obtaining a String Instrument" for more information.

## OTHER MATERIALS NEEDED:

- The method book *Essential Elements 2000*
- A music stand for home practice (available through the string rental company you choose.)
- A sturdy one inch 3 ring binder for lesson materials and handouts.

## checklist

- Complete the online [D303 New Orchestra Student Registration](#) by **May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018**.
- Complete the online **or** written registration for the Beginner Class registration form by **August 1, 2018**. Registration received after August 1 will be accepted at the discretion of the director.
- Contact one of the district's recommended rental vendors to arrange for an instrument.
- Purchase the book *Essential Elements 2000* for your child's instrument, available through the rental company.
- Purchase or obtain a music stand for home practice.



## OBTAINING A QUALITY STRING INSTRUMENT

Dear Parents,

As a parent investing in your child's music education, it is very important to invest in a quality musical instrument. So called "bargain" instruments, available online or at discount stores may seem tempting; however, experience has proven over and over again that these instruments are truly no "bargain" at all. Most often, the low price is the result of poor workmanship and lower quality materials. These instruments usually break more easily and are difficult, sometimes impossible, to repair. In many cases, they do not stay in tune and the quality of the sound they produce is very poor. It is disheartening to see a child's enthusiasm for music diminished by an instrument that does not allow them to reach their full potential.

Please Note: You are not obligated to rent from our recommended vendors; however, instruments in poor condition can cause unnecessary frustration for your child and interfere with their success in music. Instruments from the internet and any general retail store are highly discouraged because the quality of the instrument cannot be guaranteed. Furthermore, with these instruments, you would be responsible for the cost of all repairs including broken strings, size upgrades, etc.

If you are considering purchasing or renting from another source, please discuss it with your child's director, in order to make an informed decision.

It is very important that students have an instrument in good playing condition with the proper set up. **Please see the back side of this sheet for District 303's recommended instrument vendors.**

Service representatives from the music companies listed will make weekly service calls to your child's school to: (1) perform on-the-spot repair when possible (2) exchange, due to damage, (3) exchange for larger instruments.

Materials needed to participate in orchestra:

- Instrument (refer to size handout provided by your director)
- Lesson book: ***Essential Elements 2000 Book 1***
- Music stand for home practice

Questions? Please contact us! We will gladly assist you in making the best possible choice for you.

Mrs. Rita Borkowski  
Orchestra Director at Munhall and Fox Ridge  
[Rita.Borkowski@d303.org](mailto:Rita.Borkowski@d303.org)  
(331) 228-6047

Mrs. Elisabeth Mezera  
Orchestra Director at Norton Creek/Anderson  
[Elisabeth.Mezera@d303.org](mailto:Elisabeth.Mezera@d303.org)  
(331) 228 - 2781

**Instrument Vendor Information: 2018-2019**  
**D303 Recommended String Vendors**

	Quinlan & Fabish Music Company 630 654-4111 www.qandfabish.com	Austin's Violin Shop 630 466-7562 www.austinsviolinshop.com
Weekly Service Calls /Deliveries	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Yes</b>
Rental Fees/ Monthly Prices (including insurance & maintenance)	Violin/Viola \$25.00 monthly (\$69.00 Special Introductory Offer covers the first 5 Months)  Cello \$35.00 monthly (\$99.00 Special Introductory Offer covers the first 5 Months)  Bass \$59.00 monthly (\$156.00 Special Introductory Offer covers the first 5 Months)	Violin/Viola \$23.33 monthly (\$70.00 Special Introductory Offer covers August through Dec. 15.)  Cello \$36.67 monthly (\$110.00 Special Introductory Offer covers August through Dec. 15.)  Bass \$50.00 monthly (\$150.00 Special Introductory Offer covers August through Dec. 15.)  All Rentals Include: FREE: music book, upgraded backpack-style case, and Everest shoulder rest.  <i>Music Stand included with sign up for automated rental payments.</i>
Purchase Program	All Rental payments (except \$5.00 or \$6.00 M&R) apply toward purchase of a step up full size instrument. (Up to 40% of total outfit price)	Rental credit never expires. Credit can be applied to any instrument ( up to 30% retail value) bow and case. Free 1 <sup>st</sup> year maintenance.
D303 Rating of Quality of Step Up Instruments	Superior selection of quality step up instruments.	Superior selection of quality step up instruments.

- Insurance and Maintenance (already included in rental price) covers all string replacement and any repairs during the rental period.
- Accessories such as rosin and shoulder sponge as required by the director are included in the rental price.

*Please call or visit the company's website for explanation for the rental program. This sheet is only an overview.*