

September 4, 2018

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new school year!

A wonderful opportunity is available. First and second graders (and any interested third and fourth graders) can now have group string lessons. These small group lessons meet once a week and are held before school from 7:40AM - 8:10AM, or after school from 2:30PM-3:05PM. Other than renting an instrument, there are no fees for the classes. You will be responsible for bringing your child to school for the early morning class, or for picking up your child in the afternoon, unless he/she attends Children Space.

Classes are held for violin, viola, and cello. Instruments can be rented for the school year from a company of your choice. We have listed some music companies below.

In addition, there will be a small fee for a music book and accessories to be collected at a later date. Please note that if your child plays cello, the rental instrument will stay at your home: cellos are available to use in school for lessons. Cellos are not allowed to travel on the school buses and you will need to bring the home cello to school for three rehearsals before the holiday and spring concerts.

If you and your child are interested in participating in the string program, please fill out the form at the end of this letter and bring it to a fitting session on **Wednesday, September 12** between 7:40AM and 8:10AM for **viola and cello** in the story-telling room, just off the library. Please come to the same room on **Thursday, September 13** for **violin**. You should enter the school through the back entrance.

Johnson Music: (Will deliver to the school)

Call 1-800-359-9351 or email info@johnsonstring.com to ask for Croton-Harmon school rates.

Atelier Constantin Popescu: (Will deliver to the school)

<https://www.atelierconstantinpopescu.com/170524/Rental%20Fees%202017%20Beginners.pdf>

Rockland Music Center: (Will deliver to the school)

<https://www.nemc.com/rockland-music/>

Cortlandt School for the Performing Arts:

<http://cortarts.com/rental-price-list>

If you are a returning string student and have an instrument, you do not need to come to these fitting sessions. Classes for all string students will begin the week of September 24. We will send a further letter confirming the day and time of your child's class. Instruments will be given out at the first class. Please speak with Ms Woolley if you need financial help to rent an instrument.

We look forward to meeting you! If you have any questions or concerns before then, we can be reached by email at sara.obrien@chufsd.org or jane.parkhouse@chufsd.org.

Sincerely,

Sara O'Brien and Jane Parkhouse

*****Please print all information clearly*****

STUDENT NAME: _____

CLASS TEACHER: _____

PARENT NAMES: _____

HOME PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

INSTRUMENT: _____

