

Armada Orchestra Program



Dear Parent and Student:

I am very proud to invite your Krause Elementary student to be a part of the outstanding Armada Area Schools Orchestra Program. The elementary beginning strings program will begin on October 22nd at 7:30am. All new **first year beginning strings students** will meet Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday mornings from 7:30am-8:30am in the elementary music room. All returning **second year students** will meet Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday from 7:30am-8:30am. This will not conflict with any student who is also a safety. Also, students will be able to ride the middle school bus and be dropped off at the elementary school in time for strings class. Students may also be driven to school. Please do not drop your student off before 7:20am.

Any student who needs an instrument can rent one from Port Huron Music Center. Every student has already been fit for an instrument by Port Huron Music Center and they have all of the info you need to get started! To set up a rental you can call the store at (810) 984-5081 or go online at www.porthuronmusic.com and they will deliver the instrument to the student at the elementary school on the first week of class. You can also come to our rental meeting in the Krause Elementary Cafeteria on Thursday, October 18th from 6:30-7:00pm to set up your rental. Enclosed with this letter are the prices and info about the rental program.

Along with an instrument each students will need a music stand, shoulder rest and method book called "Essential Elements 2000, book 1." If your child is was in beginning strings last year they will also need "Essential Elements 2000, book 2." These can also be purchased at Port Huron Music. All instruments and supplies will be delivered to the elementary school during the first week of class.

Please fill out the brief sign-up sheet also attached this letter and return it by Friday, October 19th to your child's classroom teacher. If you are unable to return the sheet by Friday, please have your student bring it to the first class on Monday. I hope to see your child on the morning of Monday, October 22nd to share the enjoyment of music!

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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