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Dear Parent or Guardian,

The Elementary Instrumental Music Program is underway and we want to take this opportunity to thank you and your child for choosing to participate in this extraordinary program. Many families are entering the instrumental program for the first time. Others have seen their older children go through the program, often continuing all the way to our award-winning instrumental programs at Beverly High School.

Following is some important new information.

Third, fourth and fifth grade students may participate in the Strings program. As well as having lessons during school, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students who have completed one year of string lessons may also elect to participate in Fourth or Fifth Grade String Ensemble (an all-city group that meets weekly – after school). Fourth and fifth grade students may also participate in the Band program, which have lessons during school as well as a weekly after-school rehearsal.

Registration forms are enclosed for parents. There is a \$210.00 user fee being charged for participating in the Elementary Instrumental Music Program. Strings students must be signed up for strings lessons in order to participate in the strings ensemble. Your payment is due with your completed registration packet. If you are requesting financial assistance, please download and complete the Tuition Scholarship Application Form from the Beverly Public Schools website under Teaching and Learning—>Programs—> Music Program and return with the registration form to the Business Office. If you are requesting a loaner instrument and/or a scholarship for the program, please submit your application to the business office by August 25th to allow for processing your request in a timely fashion. Only students who qualify for scholarship assistance will be eligible to receive a loaner instrument. Notifications of scholarship status will be mailed.

A Parents Information and Rental Night for BEGINNER STRINGS will be held on September 7th, 2017 at 6 p.m. at the BHS Cafeteria.

The Elementary Instrumental Rental Night for BAND MEMBERS ONLY will be held on September 6th, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the BHS auditorium.

One of the most important keys to your child's success in music is you. Parents play an integral role at this beginning stage by promoting and monitoring good practice habits at home. Our instrumental teachers are more than willing to discuss your child's progress with you and are an excellent resource for suggestions on instrument and accessory selection, private instruction, and effective practice strategies. If you have any questions about this program or the activity fee, please call my office. Otherwise, we look forward to meeting you at one of our upcoming events.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Charochak, M.Ed  
Assistant Superintendent

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*The mission of the Beverly Public Schools is to maximize academic achievement and personal growth of every student.*