

September 2015



**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade**  
**Penn Wood Elementary School**  
***String-Instrumental Program***

Dear Parent/Guardian(s):

Your child observed an in-school demonstration of several string instruments today. The West Chester Area School District provides beginning **group** instrumental lessons to interested third, fourth, and fifth graders. Students who enroll in the program receive one thirty-minute lesson per week. The student will be pulled out of the classroom and is responsible for making up any missed work. Students will not miss lunch or recess. The lesson schedule has been determined with the classroom teacher with intention to avoid missing crucial instruction time.

The instruments offered in the string program are:

**VIOLIN, VIOLA, CELLO, BASS**  
***If you are interested in playing a band instrument,***  
***you must wait until Fourth Grade!***

**Lessons will begin on the week of September 28<sup>th</sup>.**

**Students & teachers will receive a copy of the schedule prior to lessons.**

**\*There will be a beginner's concert on Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday May 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**(mark your calendars!)**

You will need to rent an instrument from a local music store. The West Chester Area School District does not endorse one over the other- it is your decision to choose whom you would like to rent from. Your local phone book/internet has a listing of area music stores.

\*If you are considering purchasing your child's instrument, please do ample research, as there are many Internet offers that are too good to be true.

**Please make sure that your child accompanies you to the store so that an employee can properly measure them for the correct instrument size.**

→ Your instrument should come with *rosin* and a *cleaning cloth*.

→ There is **no** need to buy any special polish to clean the instrument.

→ Violins and Violas should come with a *shoulder sponge*

→ Cellos and Basses should come with a *rock stop*.

→ Do not accept an instrument that does not have the above items!

→ In addition, you will need to purchase:

- **Simply Strings Bk. 1 by Denese Odegaard** (for your instrument).
- **A music stand** is *strongly* recommended to maintain proper posture.

**Sincerely,**

Mr. Tim Celfo

String-Orchestra Instructor

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**Mr. Tim Celfo, String Instructor**  
**BY TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15<sup>th</sup>**



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Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

School Penn Wood \_\_\_\_\_

Classroom Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Instrument \_\_\_\_\_

Why are you choosing this instrument to play?

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Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Does your child have any prior experience playing an instrument?  
If so, on what instrument and who was their teacher?

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What is something that you would like Mr. Celfo to know about you?

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