

Dear Fifth Grade Orchestra Students and Parents,

I am delighted to be the fifth-grade orchestra teacher at your school this year, and I am looking forward to working with our young musicians! You probably already know that the first year of playing an instrument is the hardest, and now that year is behind you. Even though we will be meeting online, I want to make sure that orchestra is a fun class for you and to help you improve so you are ready for 6th grade!

Here is a little bit about me:

- I teach orchestra at Crossler Middle School
- I grew up in Salem and went to these Salem-Keizer schools: Chapman Hill Elementary, Walker Middle School, and West Salem High School
- I started playing viola in the 4th grade
- I have performed with professional orchestras
- I love teaching orchestra!

If your student is planning on participating in 5th Grade Orchestra this year, I would appreciate it if you could fill out this [Class Sign Up Form](#). It will help me gather some important information about the students.

Fifth grade orchestra classes will meet on Zoom in the mornings before your school starts. Here is what the schedule will look like:

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Time	8:10am – 8:40am	8:10am – 8:40am	8:10am – 8:40am	8:10am – 8:40am
Instruments Involved	Violins & Violas	Cellos & Basses	Violins & Violas	Cellos & Basses

Materials

Here is a list of materials students will need for orchestra:

- Instrument
- Essential Elements Book 1 (interactive version)
- Pencil
- Music Stand

Please email me if you would like to rent an instrument from Crossler or borrow a music stand or Essential Elements book. I am available on Mondays and after 3pm to help distribute instruments to students.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have about me, the schedule or the program. I anticipate a great year of sharing music with you!

Sincerely,

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