

October 2017

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

The Dedham School of Music (DSM) is excited to partner with the Channing Elementary School to offer string instrument group lessons for K2 to 5th graders as an after school program. Please read the following carefully:

What is this program? Students will learn violin basics in groups of no more than seven (7). As space is limited and classes are grouped by grade, *enrollment is on a first-come, first-served basis.*

When and where does are lessons? Lessons take place at the Channing School, and families have their choice of either Tuesday afternoons or Thursday afternoons. Available time slots and start date information are found on the registration page referenced below.

When does this program start? Lessons begin the week of November 6th.

How long does it run? Classes/rehearsals are a year-long commitment, consisting of two 13-week terms. No new students will be accepted in second semester.

What does it cost? The Channing School will generously cover both the cost of registration and the cost of instrument rental. There is a \$20 one-time registration fee due to DSM at the time of registration. You may also be responsible for renting a music stand and a purchasing a lesson book (at the teacher's discretion).

When does registration open? Registration is open now and closes by November 3rd.

Where do I get a violin? Your child will need to be properly fitted for a violin. Fittings will take place at Curriculum Night on October 18th. If you are not able to attend, you will need to go to Johnson String in Newton to be fitted. Instruments will be distributed on the first day of lessons.

Will students play in an ensemble? In addition to weekly group lessons, DSM will offer a free opportunity for all students to rehearse together one Saturday per month. Details will be sent prior to each rehearsal. While these weekend rehearsals are not mandatory, they are a fun and inspiring opportunity for students to play as an ensemble. This will also prepare them for their school performance/s!

We hope that you will join us in providing this excellent opportunity to your child.

Instrument Rental Night: October 18th | 5:00-6:30pm | Channing Elementary School

Children will be sized for their violin. If you are unable to attend, contact Johnson String (617 . 964 . 0954).

REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.DEDHAMSCHOOLOFMUSIC.ORG**

**REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS ARE EXCLUSIVELY ONLINE

Musically yours,



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