

LEXINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS DEPARTMENT

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION
REGARDING INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC**

FEE-BASED IN-SCHOOL INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM

The user fee for a student to participate in the 2007-08 lesson program for all instruments (except recorder) will be \$300.00. There will be no fee for recorder lessons. Class instruction on all instruments is available in each elementary school on a weekly basis for thirty minutes during school time. Students are required to obtain an instrument and method book. Students participating in the program will be expected to keep up with their regular classroom work.

Grade 4: Beginning STRING and RECORDER Lessons

Grade 5: Continuing STRING Lessons, Beginning Bass

Beginning WOODWIND, BRASS, PERCUSSION and RECORDER Lessons

The in-school lesson program will begin the week of **SEPTEMBER 17, 2007**. Students will be notified in advance as to their lesson day. The method book for string instruction will be Essential Elements. The method book for woodwind, brass and percussion instruction will be Standards of Excellence (Enhanced Edition). The method book for recorder has yet to be selected.

ENSEMBLES

ALL-TOWN ORCHESTRA

Any fourth or fifth grade string player who has already studied for at **least one year** (school or private lessons) is encouraged to participate (**NO BEGINNERS**). Orchestra rehearsals are THURSDAYS from 12:45 p.m. to 1:45 p.m., at the **Bridge School Cafeteria** beginning **September 27, 2007**.

ALL-TOWN BANDS

Fifth grade band students (woodwind, brass, and percussion) who are beginning lessons are encouraged to participate in the All-Town Bands. Students will rehearse either at the **Bridge School** or **Estabrook School** on THURSDAYS from 12:45 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. beginning on **September 27, 2007**.

RENTAL NIGHT

As a service to our students, the Music Department has scheduled an Informational/Instrumental Rental Night which will take place in **COMMONS I & II OF LEXINGTON HIGH SCHOOL ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2007 BEGINNING AT 6:00 P.M.** On that evening area music dealers will present their rental plans and afford parents the opportunity to rent instruments. During the evening members of the instrumental faculty will also be available to answer any additional questions about the program. Companies that will be represented will include:

RAYBURN MUSIC CO., 238 HUNTINGTON AVE., BOSTON, MA. (617) 266-4727

MUSIC AND ARTS (FORMERLY COFFEY MUSIC) CO., 273 LENNOX ST., NORWOOD, MA. (781) 769-7540

ACOUSTIC BASS OF NEW ENGLAND, 1511 MASS. AVE. ARLINGTON, MA. (781) 648-6355 (strings only)

LEONARDS MUSIC (508) 653-2189

JOHNSON STRING INSTRUMENT CO., 11 John Rd., Newton (617) 964-0954 (strings only)

If you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at my office at 861-2320 X 2175.

Sincerely,
Dr. Walter Pavasaris
Fine and Performing Arts Coordinator