

Dear Kings Glen Parent or Guardian:

August 2024

It is my pleasure to invite your student to participate in the Kings Glen Strings Program. As part of the Fairfax County Public Schools Music Program, free instruction through the school is offered on **VIOLIN**, **VIOLA**, **CELLO** and **BASS** for all students in grades 4-12. Elementary students will receive a 45-minute lesson once a week <u>during</u> school hours and all books and music will be supplied by the school.

For your student to participate in Strings this fall, an instrument will be needed. There are three recommended ways to acquire one.

- 1. We recommend taking advantage of one of the rental programs with the local music stores (I have a list if you need one).
- Rent a FCPS instrument through the Instruments For All (IFA) program. This
 program is available to all families that apply for the Free/Reduced Price Lunch
 Program. The instruments available on this program are violin and viola. Cellos and
 Basses may also be rented this way if available at Kings Glen. (\$20 for the year violin, viola only but cello/bass based on KG availability).
- 3. Kings Glen also owns a few instruments for rent (\$80 for the year <u>based on</u> <u>availability</u>).

Please email me if you have any questions about acquiring an instrument. <u>mckeenan@fcps.edu</u>. I strongly caution you about online instruments. Many of these instruments are low in quality and difficult to play, even if the price seems right. Do not hesitate to email me about this!

If your student is interested in joining Strings, please fill out the attached form and return to your student's classroom teacher **NO LATER THAN TUESDAY**, **AUGUST 27**. Once the enrollment period has been completed, you will receive more information about the first week of Strings instruction. Students who have previously been enrolled in Strings and wish to continue for the upcoming school year, also need to fill out an enrollment form.

If you have any questions, please contact me at Kings Glen Elementary at mckeenan@fcps.edu. I look forward to meeting you and working with your student!

Sincerely, DR. KEENAN

STRINGS ENROLLMENT FORM (Paper or by QR code below)

Due Tuesday, August 27 (Please Print Clearly)

Name:	
Instrument:	
Grade in Fall 2024:Classroom teacher:	
Years experience: 0 1 2 3 Other	(circle one)
Parent Phone 1: Parent Phone	2:
Parent Email 1: Parent Email 2 _	
Parent/Guardian Name:	

Please check the following statement as it applies to you:

_____We own or will rent an instrument from a music store.

_____ If you have applied for the Instructional Rental Assistance Program, (also known as Instruments for All, IFA) your student can rent a violin or viola for \$20 (cellos and basses are limited). If you are interested in finding out more information about this, please email me at <u>mckeenan@fcps.edu</u>.

_____ I would like to rent an instrument from Kings Glen if one is available for \$80 for the year. Please email me at <u>mckeenan@fcps.edu</u> if interested.

I,_____(parent/guardian) give my student _____

permission to participate in the String Orchestra program for the 2024-2025 year at Kings Glen Elementary. My student and I understand that this is a commitment for the entire school year.

Parent and Student Signature____

