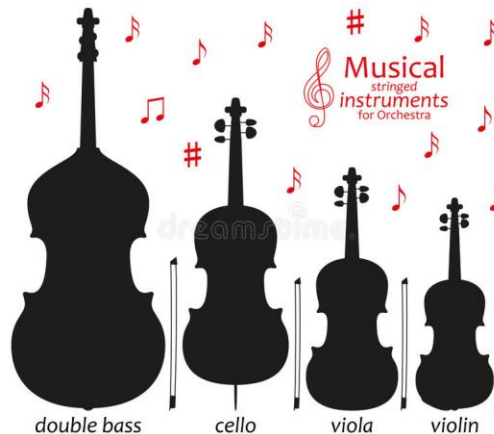


HAMPDEN STRINGS

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INSTRUMENTS: CV School District includes Cello, Viola and Violin in the Fourth Grade String Program.

INTRODUCTORY PROGRAM: The program is designed to introduce young people to the basic skills of playing a string instrument including: posture, bow hold, D Scale and simple D Scale songs. This program is not designed to include students already playing a string instrument through Suzuki classes or private lessons. These students should wait until fifth grade to play in the school string program at CV.

INSTRUMENT SIZE: Most fourth graders play a $\frac{1}{2}$ size instrument. Small fourth graders may play a $\frac{1}{4}$ size instrument. Access sizing specifications by going to <https://www.ellismusic.com/t-stringinstrumentsizing.aspx>.

INSTRUMENT RENTAL: There is an Elementary Orchestra Instrument Rental Night at CVHS on Wednesday, September 12 at 6 pm. Vendors will be present at this event. Students are encouraged to rent a quality instruments which is easily playable for children. Renting an instrument means that the student can change instrument sizes as he/she grows. Vendors should also supply our Method book: MEASURES OF SUCCESS for the specific instrument being played.

TAPE AND TUNE: Students should bring their instruments to the Instrumental Room (4th Grade hallway) for tuning and taping in the morning on Tuesday, September 18. Mrs. Burkett will inspect each instrument, put tapes on it and tune it.

LESSON SCHEDULE: Violins have lessons on Cycle Day 1s (9:30-10:00 or 11:00-11:30). Violas and Cellos have lessons on Cycle Day 5s (9:30-10:00 or 11:00-11:30). The students have lessons once per cycle - three times per month. Lessons begin on Friday, September 21 for violins and Thursday, September 27 for violas and cellos.

DEMONSTRATIONS: Demonstrations of all three instruments will occur during Mrs. Ostrander's general music classes on September 10 (Silfee), 11 (Albert), 12 (Petroff).