

WINNETKA STRING PROGRAM
WINNETKA PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2009-2010

REGISTRATION FORM FOR NEW AND RETURNING STUDENTS K-4

The Suzuki method is a highly successful way to teach young children to play string instruments. The method follows a step-by-step repertoire sequence, enhanced by recordings, which allows the children to learn in an atmosphere of fun and musical success. Students may begin an instrument at any point in their elementary education, kindergarten-4, and are able to take lessons on violin, viola or cello.

K-2 students will have one 30 minute lesson per week, in small groups (for approximately 32 weeks) that will meet during the school day. Parent attendance for these lessons is necessary to ensure your child's success. In addition to the small group lessons, each student is required to attend a large group lunch rehearsal "lunch bunch" which will meet (approximately 16 lessons throughout the year) at each elementary school during the lunch hour. Attendance at this class will enhance progress and success and will also help in preparation for performances throughout the year. If your child will be absent from either a lesson or lunch bunch, your child's string teacher needs to be notified.

Third and fourth grade students also receive one 30 minute small group lesson per week during the day. Parent attendance is encouraged, but not required. In addition to the large group lunch rehearsal, membership in elementary orchestra will be open to those with note reading ability (primarily 4th graders). This orchestra performs twice a year at school concerts. Rehearsals take place on Thursdays from 3:45-4:30 p.m. at Skokie School.

The District does not supply instruments or private lessons as part of the school program. Your child's string teacher will advise you about appropriate sources for both equipment and instruction.

The cost for one year of the program is \$767.00 (less the \$50.00 deposit where applicable). For an estimated 48 lessons the cost would be approximately \$16.00 per lesson. Payment is due September 1, 2008. Lesson times are carefully arranged with the classroom teacher during the beginning weeks of school. Your child's string teacher will contact you regarding orientation and scheduling. Unfortunately, when a lesson is missed due to a school holiday, conference day, class activity or child's absence, make up lessons cannot be scheduled.

Please make check payable to Suzuki TEAW (Talent Education Association of Winnetka). Full and partial scholarships are available, please contact Shelley Clark, Business Manager. Your child cannot be scheduled for lessons until his/her form is received.

Please be aware that it will take a number of weeks or months before a child becomes proficient at an instrument. However, if it becomes clear that they do not want to continue with lessons, a refund policy is in place during the beginning period of the program. If written notification is received prior to the beginning of the program, a full refund will be granted. If your child receives one to eight lessons, you will receive a refund of half of the cost of the program, but you must notify us in writing as soon as your child discontinues taking lessons. If your child receives more than eight lessons, there will be no refund.

We are looking forward to meeting you and making music with your child!

Jennifer Cecil and Sheryl Nussbaum

**Return this form along with your check made payable to Suzuki TEAW,
Winnetka Public Schools, Business Office, 1235 Oak Street, Winnetka, Illinois 60093**

<u>Student's Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Grade for '09-10 Classroom Teacher</u>	<u>Instrument</u>
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Parent's Name(s) _____

Address _____

Home Ph. # _____ Work Ph. # _____ E-mail address _____

_____ Beginner _____ New Student, previous experience _____ Returning Student

Please complete the following questions. This information will be used for placement.

If your child is studying with a private teacher, please complete this portion of the form.

If your child does not study privately, what is his/her latest place?

How many years have they studied this instrument? Do they study another instrument?

Is there any other information about your child that you would like his/her teacher to know?
