

2009–2010

6th–8th Grade Music Elective Program

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the music elective program for 6th – 8th graders! We are pleased to offer group lessons in cello, guitar, bass guitar, brass, and piano, as well as three ensemble groups: Taiko Drumming, Jazz Band, and the Jig and Jam Band.

Philosophy

We are providing this program to give students the opportunity to find their own musicality through the various instruments we offer, to build a musical community with one another, and encourage and allow students to be creative with their music. We trust that this program will instill in our students a sense of accomplishment through the rewards of routine practice, performance opportunities, the development of good listening skills and a respect for one another's creative journey in a non-competitive atmosphere. Ultimately our goal is to have our students take joy in playing with one another, as well as with adults, within a musical community.

Performance Opportunities

Performing provides an incentive for excellence, a sense of accomplishment, and the excitement and success of achieving goals. We will use already existing opportunities such as the Artistic Showcase, as well as other occasions within the school year.

Instruments in class and at home

Students must have an instrument that they can bring to school on elective days, Tuesdays and Thursdays, and bring home with them for practice. (The exception to this is piano and Taiko Drums, which will be provided at school.) **Please note that guitar and bass guitar students will be learning on acoustic instruments.** For students who do not already own their own instrument we have our own rental program at below-market rates. Please read the rental program information attached to this letter. Rental agreements must be signed and sent back to school with the rental fee attached. **No student will be allowed to bring an instrument home unless a rental agreement has been signed and the appropriate fee has been paid.**

We emphasize that a 35 minute class twice a week on any chosen instrument is not enough time for a child to develop musical ability with that instrument. Instruction is important, but daily handling, playing, and getting accustomed to the instrument is vital to a child's success. We strongly encourage you to ensure that your child spend some time – even as little as 15 minutes – every day devoted to playing their instrument.

Please support your child by providing an instrument for them at home, either through our rental program or by any other means, and encouraging their daily practice.

Here's to a joyous musical year!

Heather Grove, Music Director

Nevada City School of the Arts
6th – 8th Grade Instrument Rental Program
August 25, 2009 – May 13, 2010

NCSA has purchased our own instruments to provide students with a lower than market-rate rental program. Rental fees are paid annually and based upon the chosen instrument. You will find that these prices are significantly lower than what instrument rental companies charge. The NCSA music director, Heather Grove, and the School of the Arts Educational Foundation will manage all rentals. Part of the music elective curriculum will be teaching the student how to care for their instrument and developing a sense of responsibility for that instrument. Damages beyond normal wear and tear will be the responsibility of the student and his or her parents.

If you would like to rent an instrument through NCSA, please fill out the Instrument Rental Agreement and return it to the school with your payment attached. **The Rental Agreement and payment must be received by the school before your child may use the instrument in class or take the instrument home.**

Yearly Rental Fees:

Fiddle	\$85.00
Guitar	\$65.00
Bass Guitar	\$95.00
Cello	\$160.00
Brass	\$65.00

If these rental fees represent a true hardship please contact School Director, Holly Pettitt, to make other arrangements.

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6th – 8th Grade Instrument Rental Agreement

Student Name _____ Grade _____

Parent Name _____

Address _____

Telephone number _____ email _____

I understand that the rental period is from **August 25, 2009 through May 13, 2010** and that payments are due on the first day of instruction, prior to a student taking the instrument home.

All instruments MUST be returned on or before the last day of this contract or a replacement fee will be charged. In the event that I return the instrument before the end of the rental period, NCSA will refund rental fees on a pro-rated basis.

I acknowledge receipt of said instrument in good order and condition. I agree to take full responsibility for the instrument and I understand that if any damage occurs to the instrument I am responsible for the cost of repairs or, at the school's discretion, for the cost of replacement of the instrument should it be lost, stolen or damaged beyond repair. Under no circumstances will I attempt to fix the instrument myself.

(Replacement costs: fiddle \$250, guitar \$150, cello \$700, bass guitar \$200, brass \$250)

Renter's Instrument Care Responsibilities:

General maintenance of the rental instrument includes teacher-recommended cleaning (teacher will review 1st day of class), keeping case clean, keeping renter's name and phone number inside case and keeping instrument from undergoing extreme changes in temperature. No instrument should be left outside or kept in a parked car for more than 10 minutes.

Nevada City School of the Arts will make repairs or replace instruments and cases as needed, provided that any necessary repair is the result of normal wear and tear and not due to negligence.

I have read the above rental agreement and care responsibilities and agree to all terms. I am aware that a payment is due at the time of rental, before an instrument can be used in class and taken home, and that I will be responsible for repairs or replacement costs as outlined above.

Parent Signature

Date

Rental Instruments	Yearly Rental Fee	1 st Partial Payment Due Sept. 1, 2009	Final Partial Payment Due January 14, 2010
Fiddle	\$85	\$45	\$40
Guitar	\$65	\$35	\$30
Bass Guitar	\$95	\$50	\$45
Cello	\$160	\$90	\$60
Brass	\$65	\$35	\$30

Student Name and Grade: _____

Rental Instrument _____ Yearly Fee _____

(Please fill out a separate form for any additional instruments.)

___ I have attached a check for the full yearly rental fee for the instrument of my choice.

___ **Or** I have attached a check for the 1st partial payment (Final payment due January 14, 2010)
(Final payment must be paid before student can continue to use his or her instrument for the remainder of the rental period after January 14, 2010.)

Please make checks payable to SAEF, (School of the Arts Educational Foundation)

For Office Use Only

Instrument	Identification #	Size

Fiddle	Cello	Guitar	Bass Guitar	Brass
___ Case	___ Case	___ Case	___ Case	___ Case
___ Rosin	___ Bow	___ Picks (2 per year incl.)	___ Picks (2 per year incl.)	
___ Shoulder Rest				
___ Bow				

NOTES ON CONDITION AND EXISTING BLEMISHES AT TIME OF RENTAL:

First or Full Payment received on _____ Instrument checked out by: _____

Check Number & Check Amount: _____

Second/Final Payment received on _____ Instrument checked out by: _____

Check Number & Check Amount: _____

Instrument returned on _____ Instrument checked in by: _____ NOTES ON CONDITION OF INSTRUMENT AT RETURN:
