ORCHESTRA FAQ!!

1. How can I sign my 3rd or 4th grade student up for orchestra?

a. Mrs. Lewis will be coming to the classrooms on Friday September 8th. Students who want to join will receive an information packet about registering and renting an instrument. Please return the form and begin the instrument rental process ASAP so we can begin playing!

2. What if I can't rent an instrument?

a. The school has a limited number of instruments available to loan out. When you receive the registration packet, please be sure to check the box that says "I need to borrow an instrument from the school"

3. My son/daughter played last year and wants to play again, how do they sign up?

a. Mrs. Lewis will give a sign-up sheet to the classroom teachers to distribute. Be sure to return it ASAP so we can start lessons soon!

4. How do lessons work?

a. Lessons are once a week (Wednesdays for advanced or Fridays for beginners) for 30 minutes. The lessons will be at a different time each week, so the students don't miss the same subject week after week.

5. Does orchestra happen during the school day?

a. Orchestra lessons happen during the school day. However, as our concert gets closer we will have morning rehearsals on Tuesdays in the cafeteria at 8:00 AM. Students are required to be dropped off at 7:50. Our Winter and Spring Concerts are in the evening at 7:00 PM with a drop off time of 6:15 PM.

6. How do I get the lesson book?

- **a.** If your child is new to orchestra, your book is included with the instrument rental and will be sent to the school after you order it.
- **b.** If your child is borrowing an instrument from the school or played last year and lost their book, you see Mrs. Lewis for an order form. You can also order the book yourself, make sure you buy Essential Elements Book 1 for your child's instrument.