

**ORCHESTRA SYLLABUS
THE WHEEL (CONSERVATORY)**

Dear Conservatory Students and Families,

I am very excited that you are here in Beginning Orchestra ready to learn a Stringed Instrument. You will start with the Violin, and you will have a chance to explore the Viola, the Cello, and the Bass in the 4th week of instruction.

You will be performing in 1 concert this year, if you are placed in the 2nd Semester Beginning Orchestra class. The concert will be on:

The Spring Concert: Thursday, May 19 7:00pm Hoover Gym. .

****Tickets for children 5 years and under, all concerts, are free.***

More information will be given to you as the concert gets closer.

We will study the basics of Beginning Violin.

- 1) How to hold the violin
- 2) How to pluck the open strings and make some music!
- 3) Plucking(Pizzicato) on the D String, notes D, E, F#, G, A, and B,
- 4) Approximatey 10 songs
- 5) How to write and recognize the notes that we learn on the music staff
- 6) Rhythms, quarter notes, half notes, whole notes, etc.

The course is for 4 weeks. You will be experience Dance, Drama, and Choir for 4 weeks each. Then all Wheel students will be place in a Beginning classes for the next semester, Strings, Drama, Dance, or Choir.

Those in the Beginning Strings class in the Spring Semester will be prepared to join in the annual Spring Concert with Orchestra.

I think this will be fun, and am looking forward to working with you!

Mrs. MacAllister