



Thomas Johnson Elementary Middle School

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RE: Beginner Violin Program

Dear Parents,

Through the Bridges Music Program of Baltimore, Thomas Johnson Elementary Middle School is pleased to offer beginning violin instruction to students in grades 2-5. Classes will be offered every Thursday after school from 3:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. beginning Thursday, October 11, 2018 and ending Thursday, May 16, 2019. The total cost of the program is \$285 for the entire school year. Violins will be loaned to students who are selected for the program.

Learning to play an instrument and participating in the school music program opens a whole new world of learning, friendship, and fun. By joining the Thomas Johnson violin program, your child will be able to participate in school concerts. Participation in orchestra provides a foundation for your child in many areas of life. In addition to learning to play an instrument, students learn self-discipline, group cooperation, poise, enhanced physical coordination, high self-esteem, and the importance of teamwork. Like all the arts, music has a profound effect on the academic success of students.

If you wish to enroll your child in the Bridges Violin program, please complete the application form below and return it to the main office. There are limited spaces available, with only twelve available seats. If you enroll your child in the program, we ask that you and your child make a commitment to continue with the program through the end of the school year.

- Violin lessons will be held every Thursday on: October 11, 25; November 1, 8, 15, 29; December 6, 13; January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; February 7, 14, 21, 28; March 7, 14, 21, 28; April 4, 11, 25; May 2, 9, 16.
- Violin lessons will be held from 3:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.
- If students do not participate in Fitness Fun and Games or the Rec Center, they must return to school at 3:30 p.m. for their weekly lesson. We are not able to supervise students from dismissal time until 3:30 if they are not in an aftercare program.
- If students are enrolled in Fitness Fun and Games or the Rec Center, they will be picked up and returned to those locations before and after violin lessons.
- The number of spaces is limited. Only twelve students will be admitted to the violin program.
- The cost is \$285. Due to the limited number of spaces, do not submit payment until after a seat has been confirmed. Scholarships and partial scholarships may be available based on interest and student enrollment.
- A violin will be loaned to every student in the program. Damage or loss of a violin will result in the parent paying for the cost of the violin repair or replacement.
- Contact James Dendinger with any questions about the violin program at jdendinger@bcps.k12.md.us or 410-396-1575.



Please return completed permission form to the main office prior to Tuesday, October 9, 2018.

Student's Name: _____

Student's Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

Parent's Name: _____ Parent's Phone Number: _____

Parent's e-mail address: _____

Emergency Contact: (Name and Phone Number): _____

After violin practice (check one):

_____ I will pick up my child in front of school at 4:15 after violin lessons.

_____ My child is enrolled in Fitness Fun & Games and will report to FF&G after violin lessons.

_____ My child is enrolled at the Ella Baily Rec Center and will report to the Rec Center after lessons.

By signing below, I give my child permission to participate in the Bridges Violin Program at TJEMS.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

