

Bernards Township Public Schools

Liberty Corner Orchestra Program 2011-2012

Basking Ridge, New Jersey

Dear Parents and Guardians of Strings Students:

Greetings from the string program! I am very excited to begin another year of making beautiful music here at Liberty Corner School. This school district offers string instruction from the 3rd grade through the 12th grade. Learning to play an instrument and belonging to the school orchestra opens up a whole new world of friendship and fun! In addition to music, students will learn many other skills including self-discipline, group cooperation, enhanced physical coordination, goal setting, and self-expression.

All students will receive one small group lesson per week during the school day. This year our lessons will be based on a rotating schedule. This means that students will only miss the same thirty-five minute segment during the instructional day once every six weeks. In addition to their weekly lessons, 4th and 5th grade students will participate in a 45-minute orchestra rehearsal once a week before school. Attendance is necessary to attain our performance goals.

Please Note: All students will begin lessons in school on September 15, 2011. Please see below for the current orchestra rehearsal schedule.

- **4th Grade Orchestra will meet every Monday on the stage in the gym at 8 a.m. beginning September 19th. Students should arrive by 7:55 am to be tuned.**
- **5th Grade Orchestra will meet every Thursday on the stage in the gym at 8 a.m. beginning September 15th. Students should arrive by 7:55 am to be tuned.**
- **3rd Grade students will only meet during the school day for their lessons; they do not have morning rehearsals. Violin and viola players will be having lessons every Monday beginning September 19th on a rotating basis. Cellists will be having lessons every Wednesday beginning September 21st.**

All lessons will begin on Thursday, September 15th and a detailed schedule has been given to your child's teacher. New students will receive their instruments during the first lesson. As the year progresses, I hope you will feel free to contact me whenever necessary. My email address is rkarle@bernardsboe.com and my phone number is 1-908-204-2550 x309. I am looking forward to working with your child in the coming year!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Rebecca Karle

Orchestra Teacher