



May 12, 2020

Dear Instrumental Music Families,

I hope this email finds you well. I am sorry to say that the Instrumental Music program has officially ended. I am disappointed that we had to abruptly end our program on March 12<sup>th</sup>. I really enjoy hearing the students' progress during our May concerts so I am sad that we missed that.

If you rented an instrument from ALF, you have two options. You can rent from us for an additional two months for \$50 or you can return the instrument. We will be collecting instruments at our offices at 4607 Oakwood Avenue in the back building on **Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup> from 10 am to noon**. Please follow social distancing guidelines and leave 6 feet between each family while waiting in line to drop off.

If you decide to rent from us for an additional two months, please drop off a check for \$50 in the mail slot in the front door of our office at 4607 Oakwood Avenue by Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at noon. The Summer rentals will be due back to ALF on Friday, July 17<sup>th</sup>. We will send out a letter detailing the return procedures in July.

I hope that your children had a great experience in our program and hope that they have continued practicing even though our classes were suspended. If your child is serious about playing their instrument, it might make sense to purchase an instrument so they can continue practicing all summer. Use caution when buying new instruments for sale on craigslist or eBay, etc. Many of these instruments look beautiful but do not play well and are poorly built. It is much better to buy an instrument from a music store to ensure good quality. If you would like recommendations for brands to look at for purchase, please feel free to email your instructor. Their email addresses can be found here <https://alflintridge.org/programs/instrumental-music/music-staff/>.

We will also have your student's participation certificates available for pick up on Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup> along with the medals for our graduating 6<sup>th</sup> grade students.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email me at [instrumentalmusic@alflintridge.org](mailto:instrumentalmusic@alflintridge.org). We will wait to hear from the officials at La Cañada Unified School District as to whether our program can continue in the fall.

Sincerely

Deena Keys  
2019-2020 ALF Instrumental Music Chairman