



March 2, 2022

Greetings String Families,

We have good news to share with you. Now that Omicron appears to have been subdued, ALF Music is once again planning Sectionals (special practices for specific instruments) in anticipation of our Spring Concert the end of April. Sectionals provide an opportunity for students from all three elementary schools to practice together in the CMR at ALF. We will continue with masks and social distancing until LA County/LCUSD relax those protocols. **These are extra practice sessions, in addition to the regular weekly classes.** If your child has class Thursday morning, they get a double dose that day.

ALF's Chapter House is at 4607 Oakwood, just north of the library. The CMR is in the back, down the driveway to the left of the main building.

Strings have two Sectionals planned for March 10 and April 14, both Thursdays.

Your child should bring his/her instrument, music, pencil and music stand.

It is really helpful for the students to have this extra practice. We understand that many children have after-school activities, but if it is possible to re-arrange schedules for these two days, your child will definitely benefit.

THE SCHEDULE WILL BE THE SAME FOR BOTH DATES, MARCH 10 AND APRIL 14.

(Students from the three elementary schools come together at the same time.)

3:15 - 4:00: Beginning Violins and Violas (A-L) *

3:55 - 4:40: Beginning Violins and Violas (M-Z) *

4:35 - 5:05: Beginning Cellos

5:25 - 6:05: String Orchestra Cellos

6:00 - 6:40: String Orchestra 2nd Violins and Violas

6:35 - 7:15: String Orchestra 1st Violins

***Please note that the Beginning Violins and Violas have been split by last name initial to allow for social distancing.**

You will also note that there is a five-minute overlap to allow the second group to be ready to tune as the first is packing up.

AND THERE WILL BE A SPRING CONCERT!

As I explained in an earlier email, one of the 5th grade Valley Forge trips was rescheduled for our May Concert week and unfortunately, there were no other available dates at Lanterman, so we will most likely be at LCE or PCY, but we WILL have a concert!

The schedule for Strings will be:

Monday, April 25: Rehearsals from 3:15-6:00 with Beginners in the first hour or so

Tuesday, April 26: Concert at 7:00pm - Call time of 6:30 for instrument tuning.

Thank you, once again, for your patience and understanding. We know this hasn't been the year we'd hoped for, but we are all trying to make the best of it.

Warm regards,

Nancy, Mr. Karapetyan and Ms. Rispi