Fayetteville-Manlius Schools
MUSIC DEPARTMENT
September 5, 2018

Please visit the Enders Road Strings website at www.endersroadstrings.weebly.com

Dear Parents,

As a fourth grader, your child is eligible to participate in the F-M Instrumental Music Program. We are anticipating a large group of enthusiastic youngsters again this year, and hope your child will be one of them.

The decision regarding your child's participation in the program is important, and you play a great part in the decision making. We hope the following information will help you in making your decision.

1. Instruction is offered on stringed instruments (violin, viola, cello, bass) in the fourth grade. Band instruments begin in the fifth grade.
2. Weekly lessons are provided in small groups during the school day. There will also be large group classes twice a month before the start of the school day (7:45am).
3. **Parents of cello/bass students must transport the instruments to and from school**. School buses do not let students with large instruments on the bus.
4. Instruments can be rented by the school for a fee of $100.00 for the school year, **but no child will be denied the opportunity to play due to financial need**. Please contact Mr. Lawless prior to the meeting if you need financial assistance. All information will be kept confidential. Instruments are also available to rent from local music shops. **Please DO NOT send any money at this time. Instrument rental fees will be collected at the Enders Road Curriculum Night on Thursday, September 20th.**
5. As in other endeavors, **REGULAR PRACTICE** is important with a daily routine of 20-30 minutes.

If you wish to enroll your child in the fourth grade string program, please fill out the information below and return it to school no later than **Thursday, September 13th.**

All parents are asked to stop by the Enders Road Cafeteria anytime between **6:00 and 6:20 PM on Curriculum Night, Thursday, September 20th** to receive important information regarding the beginning strings program and to submit instrument rental fees. I will be available to answer any questions you may have.

Please be aware that your child should make a first and second choice of school owned instruments because availability may be limited on some instruments. Because fourth graders come in various sizes, so do stringed instruments. Your child has been measured for the correct sized instrument during the presentation he/she saw today.

Sincerely,

Dylan Lawless
Enders Road Elementary

(RETURN LOWER PORTION ONLY)

Student's Name:_____ Classroom Teacher:_____

I would like to play: 1st choice:_____ 2nd choice:_____

- I already play the following instrument:_____ I have played this instrument for _____ year(s).
- **(check one):** I am planning on using a school instrument: _____
  I am planning on renting an instrument from a local music shop:_____
  I already own an instrument and do not need to be provided with one:_____

If you already own/rent an instrument, please list which instrument and the size if known:_____

I have read the above letter and would like to enroll my child in the fourth grade string program. I understand that I need to stop by the Enders Road Cafeteria anytime between 6:00 and 6:20 PM on Curriculum Night, **Thursday, September 20th** to receive additional information and to submit instrument rental fees.

Parent's Signature:_____

Phone Number:_____ Email:_____

(Please print clearly)

INSTRUMENT SIZE *(completed by string teacher)*

Violin/Viola: ____1/4 ____1/2 ____3/4 ____4/4

Cello: ____1/4 ____1/2 ____3/4

Double Bass ____1/8 ____1/4 ____1/2