

Cranford Schools Fine & Performing Arts Departments

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Dear Parent/Guardians of Students currently in **Grade 3**, moving to **Grade 4** in September 2019,

We are glad to offer instrumental music lessons to all Cranford Public School students and the valuable educational experience that music-making provides. Research shows that students who play an instrument are more academically successful; playing in an ensemble promotes a variety of skills including collaboration, empathy, and creativity.

Grade 4 students are able to choose a band instrument: flute, clarinet, alto saxophone, trumpet, trombone, baritone horn, or percussion. The half-hour lessons on these instruments are free to all interested students and are held on a weekly basis as a pull-out from the classroom, during the school day. **If your child currently plays the violin, viola, or cello, we strongly recommend that he or she continue on that instrument.**

When you decide to participate in our instrumental program, you will be responsible for providing your child with an instrument. Band and string instruments are available from music dealers on a rental/purchase plan at reasonable rates. Our recommended vendors are listed on the next page. As a beginning student, please utilize these rental vendors, as they include maintenance and any necessary size upgrades as students grow. Please check with the individual dealer on the specifics of their rental contract. If you have questions about rental or purchase of an instrument, please reach out to your child's music teacher.

Once you choose an instrument and sign a rental contract with a vendor, the instruments will be delivered directly to your school for lessons to begin in mid-September. We are asking that you **do not pick-up** the instrument on your own unless you intend on having your child start lessons with a summer program. It is very important that the music teacher instructs your child how to unpack and use the instrument. Many times instruments are damaged unnecessarily because a student has the instrument out at home before receiving necessary instruction.

Please complete the Google Form at the link below by **June 1, 2019 for your student who will be entering 4th grade. Even if your child will not participate in the instrumental music program, we ask that families of all current 3rd grade students fill out the Google Form so we have accurate data.**

CLICK HERE: <https://forms.gle/nByxPe36UoKoBptL7> OR

SCAN the following QR CODE to take you directly to the Google Form.



As you and your child make this decision, please consider attending one of the many concerts our instrumental program is presenting this spring. You can consult the individual building calendar for the dates and times. If you have any questions concerning our music program, please feel free to contact my office or the instrumental or string teacher in your child's building for next year.

Sincerely,

Anthony Rafaniello

The Instrumental Music Staff

| Brookside Place School | Hillside Avenue School |
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| Ms. Lee - Strings lee@cranfordschools.org Mrs. Mockoviak - Band mockoviak@cranfordschools.org | Mr. Topielski - Strings topielski@cranfordschools.org Mr. Falisi - Band falisi@cranfordschools.org Mrs. Mockoviak - Band mockoviak@cranfordschools.org |

| Livingston Avenue School | Orange Avenue School |
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| Ms. Lee - Strings lee@cranfordschools.org Ms. McDonald - Band mcdonald@cranfordschools.org | Mr. Jackson - Strings jackson.jonathan@cranfordschools.org Mrs. Holodak - Band holodak@cranfordschools.org Mrs. Mockoviak - Band mockoviak@cranfordschools.org |

Instrumental Dealer List

Elefante Music 1790 Springfield Ave, New Providence, NJ 07974 (908) 464-5928
www.elefantemusic.com School Code: 89482019

Main Violin Shop 523 Summit Ave, Fort Lee, NJ 07024 (201) 947-2727
<https://www.mainviolin.com/rent/>

The Music Shop 56 Fanny Rd, Boonton, NJ 07005 (973) 334-8484
<https://themusicshop.com/aerntplan.aspx> Please enter Cranford's zip code 07016 for Cranford rentals

K&S Music 61 Industrial Rd # A, Berkeley Heights, NJ 07922 (908) 790-0400
<https://rent.kandsmusic.com/> Code: 646