



BBES 5th Grade Orchestra



Class Description

Welcome to 5th Grade Orchestra at Bristol Bay Elementary School! I am very excited to challenge all students to grow as musicians and as people. You will learn many new things this year, and I will be there to help you along your music journey. This year will be challenging, but I fully believe in your ability to play at a high level and think critically about the music we will play.

Orchestra Schedule

Orchestra rehearsals take place twice a **week BEFORE SCHOOL from 7:30-8:25 AM** except on Wednesdays. Students will be given a monthly schedule with information regarding the rehearsals and small group lessons.

Grading

Grades will be a combination of:

- **Assignments**- Completing all class work and homework.
- **Tests/Quizzes**- Performance, written, and verbal tests/quizzes will be given throughout the year.
- **Goal Sheets**- Student homework includes practicing at home. Weekly assignments and goals will be assigned during pull out lessons to be prepared at home and played for me during the next lesson. Goal sheets will be sent home with the students, and need to be signed by the parent or guardian for full credit.

Materials

These materials are required at each pull out lesson and full orchestra rehearsal **(NOT OPTIONAL)** :

- Instrument and accessories (includes bow, rosin, cleaning cloth, shoulder rest/sponge for violin/viola, and rock stop for cello/bass)
- Pencil(s) with an eraser
- Sound Innovations for String Orchestra Book specific to your instrument
- Current Orchestra music
- 3-ring binder (1/2" or 1" is fine, any color)

Practicing

Practicing is a homework assignment for this class. Students will be graded each quarter on progress towards individual practice goals for each week. These goals will be given to students on goal sheets and

should be taken home and back to school for the next lesson as they are part of the grade. **Orchestra students should practice for 20 minutes a day at least 5 days a week**. Please contact Mrs. Niner if you need any tips on how to help your child practice.

Concert Dates

Tue, September 4, 2018: 5th Grade Band/Orchestra Open House, 4:30pm – 8:00pm at YMS

Tue, November 13, 2018: 5th Grade Progress Concert, 7:00pm – 7:30pm at BBES

Mon, January 14, 2019: 5th Grade District Dress Rehearsal, 5pm – 6pm at YMS Band Room

Thurs, January 17, 2019: 5th Grade District Concert, 7pm – 9pm at YMS Gym

Wed, February 27, 2019: 5th Grade District Dress Rehearsal, 5pm – 6pm at YMS Band Room

Sat, March 9, 2019: Y115 Fine Arts Festival, YMS, Time TBA

Tue, May 14, 2019: 5th/6th Grade Concert, 7pm – 8pm at YMS

Student attendance at these performances is mandatory. Concert dress is a white shirt and black dress pants, black socks, and black shoes.

Private Lessons

Although each student in the Yorkville CUSD 115 receives full group instruction every other day and small group lessons once a week, I would recommend that all students who are able to take private lessons- take them. Individual lessons on a one-on-one basis can help the development of the student in so many ways. Although not required, private lessons benefit all students at all levels of study.

Orchestra Expectations

- Show up prepared to orchestra with your instrument, music, a pencil, assignments, and goal sheets.
- Show respect for instruments, facilities, rules, and each other.
- Strive for your best with a positive attitude!
- Create a family-like atmosphere throughout the orchestra.

Website and Contact Information

Please visit our orchestra website for a list of concert dates, private instructors, and other important information at <https://mrsninersorchestras.weebly.com/>. You can click the link to view the orchestra website, and then choose your school on the top of the page.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. As a traveling teacher I split my time between BBES and GRES. Email is the most convenient way to contact me, however, I do check my

voicemail messages frequently so please feel free to leave my a voice mail as well.

I cannot wait to begin working with you and your young musicians!

Jackie Niner

Orchestra Director

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5th Grade Syllabus Acknowledgement

My child and I have read and fully understand the 5th Grade Orchestra Syllabus. I will contact Mrs. Niner with any questions or concerns that I may have regarding concerts, grading, or materials by **Friday, September 21st, 2018.**

Parent/Guardian Signature

Student Signature

Orchestra Parent/Guardian Volunteer Form

The success of our orchestra program is dependent upon our parent/guardian support! If any of these volunteer opportunities interest you, we would greatly appreciate your help. You may sign up for more than one opportunity. I will contact you in regards to your selection as the need arises. Thank you so much for your help in advance!

Music Boosters

The Music Boosters is an organization similar to the PTO, but they provide support for the entire Yorkville Music Department. The Music Boosters are critical to our success as a music program. Please consider joining the mailing list and attending a meeting as your school representative. The more volunteers we have the more we can accomplish for our children.

_____ I can attend Music Booster Meetings (*once a month on Monday nights at 6:00PM at YHS*)

_____ Please have someone contact me with more information about the Music Boosters

Miscellaneous Help

_____ I have a special skill that I would like to donate to the orchestra program (i.e. photography, movie making, designing orchestra apparel, organizing socials, etc.)

Parent/Guardian Name

Home Phone/Cell Phone Number (please specify)

Email

For Mrs. Niner's use: