

## Bowman Grade 4 Strings

Fine and Performing Arts Department, Lexington Public Schools, Mr. Jeffrey Leonard, Coordinator

### **ALL-TOWN WINTER ORCHESTRA CONCERTS 2016**

**7:30 P.M. Lexington High School**

- Wednesday, February 3 - Estabrook, Fiske and Hastings - Grade 4 Strings  
Part 1 (Gym) Diamond Grade 6 Orchestra  
Diamond Grade 7 and 8 Orchestra  
Lexington High School Symphonic Orchestra
- \*Thursday, February 4 - Bowman, Bridge, and Harrington - Grade 4 Strings**  
**Part 2 (Gym)** Clarke Grade 6 Orchestra  
Clarke Grade 7 and 8 Orchestra  
Lexington High School Chamber Orchestra
- Monday, February 8 - ALL Grade 5 Strings  
Part 3 (Auditorium) All-Town Orchestra  
Diamond & Clarke Select Orchestra (Grade 7&8)  
Lexington High School Repertory Orchestra

Dear Beginner String Parents,

Your child will be performing in one of the Town-wide Orchestra Concerts listed above. Please note on which night your school is scheduled to play. These performances include players in grades 4-12 in a "concert in the round" format that showcases the Lexington schools string program. Beginning players benefit greatly from the opportunity to perform in concert for family and friends, and we consider their participation very important. It is also a wonderful opportunity for students to hear the other groups that they will be part of in coming years as they continue to play. For this reason we ask that all players plan to stay for the entire concert; it will be about an hour of music.

The fourth grade beginners will open the program with the songs that they are learning by memory, and they will also play in the finale with all the groups at the end of the concert. Students are asked to dress up in "good clothes" (white on top, dark on bottom) for the performance. On concert night, beginners should report to the High School Commons I by 6:45 P.M. for tuning and line up. Music books should be left at home since the music is played from memory. Instrument cases (which should be tagged with student's name) and jackets will be left in the warm up area, and High School student helpers will tune the instruments and walk the beginners down to the gym. Parents will enter the gym through a separate entrance where they will get tickets and programs. (Tickets are \$5 for adult audience – seniors and children are free.) After the concert, parents are asked to meet children back in the warm-up area, not in the gym.

Parental reminders about consistent practicing are particularly helpful at this time. Thank you for your support of the instrumental music program. We look forward to seeing string families at this special concert.

Sincerely,

Janet Haas, Rachel Jayson, Jessica Billings-White, and Chris LeDoux  
Lexington Schools String Teachers

**School Assembly:** Bridge School students will be performing the same program at an assembly for the school on Fri, Jan.29 at 9 AM in the Bowman gym. Please remind students to bring instruments, music and a folding stand marked with your name (if you own one) to school on that date. Students may come into school early at 8:20 AM for tuning and warm-up.