

# Orchestra is Awesome!

Cache County School District

## 1<sup>st</sup> Year Orchestra

Mountain West String Academy (MWSA) is the official beginning elementary orchestra program for Cache County and Logan City School Districts. All fifth and sixth grade students are welcome to join the 1<sup>st</sup> year orchestra class at your elementary school. No prior musical experience is required. Classes are offered two days per week, before or after school. Students can choose to play one of the following instruments: **violin, viola, cello or bass**. These instruments will be demonstrated to students in an assembly during the first week of school.

### Registration Information

**Thursday, September 7th**

**5:00, 5:20, 5:40, 6:00, 6:20, 6:40, 7:00, or 7:20 pm**  
**Mount Logan Middle School (875 N. 200 E. Logan)**

or

**Friday, September 8th**

**5:00, 5:20, 5:40, 6:00, 6:20, 6:40, 7:00, or 7:20 pm**  
**Mount Logan Middle School (875 N. 200 E. Logan)**

Please come to one of the above registrations. Arrive on time and **ONLY ONE PARENT/ADULT with each child to be registered**. At registration, you will hear important program information and requirements, sign-up for orchestra class, choose your instrument, get measured for the correct size instrument, and be able to rent an instrument from the MWSA shop (depending on instrument availability). Please plan on at least 45-60 minutes to get through the registration process.

Registration Fee: \$70

- Includes music books, MWSA workbook, MWSA t-shirt (exact cash, check or card preferred, extra \$2 convenience fee will be added to card payments)

Supplies needed:

- Folding music stand (available for purchase from MWSA for \$15)
- Instrument

**Volunteers needed:** Our program is a parent-run organization. We need parent volunteers to help our program continue to be successful. Please come to our parent volunteer table at registration to find out how you can become a volunteer.

Instrument Information:

1. Purchase – Classical Strings, 801-786-1605, Coda Strings 435-452-1049, The Book Table 435-752-3055, and JK Stringz, 435-757-3776 are great local options to purchase an instrument. Southwest Strings ([www.swstrings.com](http://www.swstrings.com)) and Shar Music ([www.sharmusic.com](http://www.sharmusic.com)) have affordable, quality instruments available for sale on their websites. If you take good care of the instrument, this is the cheapest option, as you can sell your instrument later for what you paid for it, minus the price for a new set of strings. Please, **DO NOT** buy an instrument from Ebay or other online bidding sites. These instruments are often poorly made and require a lot of work to even be playable.
2. Rent – Students can rent an instrument from MWSA at registrations. Rent is \$75 for the school year with a \$50 deposit. We usually have enough cellos and basses for all students who will be renting those instruments. We do not have enough violins and violas. All instruments will be rented from MWSA on a first come, first serve basis. Classical Strings, JK Stringz and The Book Table also have instruments available to rent.

1<sup>st</sup> year orchestra classes will begin the week of September 18<sup>th</sup>. Please visit [www.mountainweststrings.com](http://www.mountainweststrings.com) to see class schedules or call 435-554-1021 for more information.

\*All students interested in playing the bass **MUST** contact Laura Morgan at [mountainweststrings@gmail.com](mailto:mountainweststrings@gmail.com) or 435-760-1743 **BEFORE** September 7th or you will not be allowed to play bass. All students wanting to play bass must also commit to attending the Friday afternoon bass lab classes or must take private lessons.