

# Long Branch Instrumental Music Program

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Dear Parents of 3rd and 4th graders,

Registration is now open for the 2018 - 2019 Long Branch Instrumental Music Program. Please register as soon as you are able to, so that I can start scheduling the classes for the beginning of the school year. Registration is available online at: <http://bit.ly/LB2018Registration>

Your child can choose from a variety of band and orchestra instruments: violin, viola, cello, string bass, flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, and trombone. If students sign up for a band or orchestra instrument, they are also eligible to sign up for the bucket drumming group, which meets before school, once a week. All lessons are free!

We have violins, violas, cellos and basses to rent from the school, as well as a limited number of band instruments. Once all of the instruments have been rented, you will have to rent an instrument from a music store. **First priority for school rentals will go to the students on free and reduced lunch.**

There are two stores close by that I recommend: Foxes Music (Downtown Falls Church, 416 South Washington Street, 703-533-7393) and Music and Arts (4664 King Street, Alexandria, VA - in the shopping area above TGI Friday's, 703-820-3610). I have flyers for both of those stores in my classroom. Chuck Levin's Washington Music Center (11151 Veirs Mill Road, Wheaton, MD 20902, 301-946-8808) has an excellent deal for the school year:

<https://www.chucklevins.com/pages/instrument-rentals>

Your child will learn in a class of like instruments. There will be 2-10 children in each class. They will be pulled out of their classroom for a half an hour a week. Take this into consideration when enrolling your child. Learning an instrument is a fantastic opportunity for your child. They will learn a skill that can give them much pleasure throughout their life.

We give two school concerts a year - usually one in December and one in June. Very advanced band and string players may want to audition for the Junior Honors Band or Orchestra (grades 4-6). Information can be found here:

<https://www.apsva.us/arts-education-overview/honors-band-orchestra-and-chorus/>

The best way to contact Ms. Roth is by email: [Estelle.roth@apsva.us](mailto:Estelle.roth@apsva.us). If you have ANY questions about the program, or information on instrument rental or purchase, please contact me!

Please visit our website for more information -

<https://longbranch.apsva.us/curriculum/music-department-home-page/>

Thanks, Estelle Roth, Band and Orchestra Director [estelle.roth@apsva.us](mailto:estelle.roth@apsva.us)

# 2018 - 2019 Long Branch Instrumental Music Program Registration Form

Use this form if unable to register online - <http://bit.ly/LB2018Registration>

Student Name:

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Grade level for the 2017 - 2018 School Year

- 4th Grade
- 5th Grade

Parent/Guardian's Name:

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Parent/Guardian's Email Address/Addresses

If the Parent/Guardian doesn't have email, please include phone number

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Please indicate your instrument choices, ranking from 1 - 3 (if you already play that instrument, and will continue, indicate it as your first choice)

Violin	Viola	Cello	String Bass
Flute	Clarinet	Alto Sax	Trumpet
Trombone	Euphonium		

Are you interested in the before school group - Bucket Brigade? (you must play a band or string instrument listed above to participate in this group). Students will be selected in the fall.

- Yes
- No

Please check all that apply: \*

**Please be aware that students on free/reduced lunch have first priority for the rental of school owned instruments.**

- I already have an instrument, and won't need to rent or buy one.
- I want to rent a school-owned instrument.
- If the school doesn't have my instrument of choice, my parents/guardians will rent one from a music store.
- I am willing to learn whatever instrument is available.