



# BMS Music Boosters

Welcome to the 2016-2017 Bellevue Strings Family!

Your child, with your supportive encouragement, has made a decision that will impact his/her future positively and will help your child grow and develop into the best person he/she can be.

Playing a musical instrument with the proper instruction has proven to increase test scores in other subject areas and build self-confidence. The discipline your child will gain through the life lessons and problem solving skills of Strings will help your child mature at faster rates and at the same time be fun. I want to thank you for the opportunity that you have given me to teach your child.

Those of us in the Bellevue Music Family recognize the need to teach students how to prepare for success. During the Spring, all strings students have the opportunity to participate in a competitive performance. Last year we travelled and competed successfully in Gatlinburg and Pigeon Forge, TN. Trips in the next few years may include St. Louis, Williamsburg, Chicago, Atlanta, or Cincinnati.

The packet that is attached should answer most questions but feel free to contact me at: [amanda.funderburk@mnps.org](mailto:amanda.funderburk@mnps.org). If you prefer to talk on the phone, just leave your number on the email and ask me to call you.

I am looking forward to teaching your child!

Mandy Funderburk, Director of Strings  
Bellevue Middle School  
655 Colice-Jeanne Rd  
Nashville, TN 37221

## Bellevue Middle School Strings Supply List

### Violin/Viola:

- 1" binder with clear sheet protectors and pocket dividers
- pencils
- rented instrument
- violin/viola rosin
- shoulder rest (\$15-20 model is good)
- method book (see below)
- clip-on tuner (optional but recommended)
- folding music stand for home practice (optional but recommended)

### Cello:

- 1" binder with clear sheet protectors and pocket dividers
- pencils
- rented instrument
- cello rosin
- Xeros cello endpin anchor
- method book (see below)
- clip-on tuner (optional but recommended)
- folding music stand for home practice (optional but recommended)

### Bass:

- 1" binder with clear sheet protectors and pocket dividers
- pencils
- rented instrument (keep at home for practice, school bass will be issued for class)
- bass rosin
- rock stop
- method book (see below)
- clip-on tuner (optional but recommended)
- folding music stand for home practice (optional but recommended)

### Method Books:

- 5th grade: Essential Elements for Strings 2000 (or with EEi) Book 1
- 6th grade: Essential Elements for Strings 2000 (or with EEi) Book 2
- 7th grade and 8th grade: String Basics Book 3

### Recommended Local Music Stores

Nashville Violins \*\*\*  
5109 Georgia Ave.  
615-292-5196

The Violin Shop \*  
2504 Franklin Pike  
615-662-1570

Williams Fine Violins \*\*\*  
1218 17th S.  
615-429-2927

Nashville Music Co. \*\*  
4111 Hillsboro Rd.  
615-292-5651

World Music \*\*\*  
7069 Hwy. 70  
615-425-0256

Fiddle House \*\*  
1009 Clearview Ave  
615-730-8402

\* Violin/Viola Rentals Only \*\* Violin/Viola/Cello Rentals

\*\*\* Violin/Viola/Cello/Bass Rentals



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## STUDENT INFORMATION FORM

**RETURN FORM TO SCHOOL BY: MONDAY, AUGUST 22, 2016**

This information will be used for Band/Strings use only. Please provide ALL requested contact information – especially e-mail address. Information supplied will be entered into your student’s account in CHARMS. Music Boosters will send out important e-mail updates throughout the school year.

STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
STUDENT GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_  
STUDENT INSTRUMENT: \_\_\_\_\_  
BAND OR STRINGS? \_\_\_\_\_

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PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
PARENT/GUARDIAN ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_  
PARENT/GUARDIAN HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_  
PARENT/GUARDIAN CELL: \_\_\_\_\_  
RELATIONSHIP TO STUDENT: \_\_\_\_\_

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PARENT/GUARDIAN ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
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PARENT/GUARDIAN E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_  
PARENT/GUARDIAN HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_  
PARENT/GUARDIAN CELL: \_\_\_\_\_  
RELATIONSHIP TO STUDENT: \_\_\_\_\_

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ADDITIONAL ADULT CONTACT: \_\_\_\_\_  
RELATIONSHIP TO STUDENT: \_\_\_\_\_  
CELL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-MAIL(Only if they want to receive our e-mails): \_\_\_\_\_



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**If you are interested in being contacted to do volunteer work for the music department (copies, sorting, projects, etc.), please check your availability:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Available during the morning
- \_\_\_\_\_ Available during the afternoon
- \_\_\_\_\_ Available evenings/after school
- \_\_\_\_\_ Available during special events

**I would like to help with: (Check all that apply)**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Copies, sorting, class projects, etc.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Setup and/or breakdown for special events
- \_\_\_\_\_ Manual labor (ex: lifting boxes at Fruit & Fudge delivery time, moving tables)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Cleaning and organization of music rooms
- \_\_\_\_\_ Food purchase or preparation for Special Events
- \_\_\_\_\_ Band/Strings Camp/Music Clinic Volunteer
- \_\_\_\_\_ Music Boosters Committee (Do you have a preference which?) \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ I'm not sure what I can do to help, but please ask me if there is a need
- \_\_\_\_\_ Formal Concert Attire Fittings
- \_\_\_\_\_ Fundraising

Volunteer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Volunteer E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Volunteer Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you for supporting BMS Music Department**



# BMS Music Boosters

Last Updated: August 7, 2016

Parents – Please note that dates and times may change - it's important that you keep up with communications so you don't miss changes. New performance events and rehearsal changes may be added as opportunities arise. Read the booster emails and check the calendar on Charms or at <http://www.bmsmusicboosters.org> for the latest dates.

## Strings 2016-2017 Fall Semester

Dates	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Strings	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Strings	7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Strings
8/16		6 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> String Parent Meeting 6:30 - 7:30	6 <sup>th</sup> - 8 <sup>th</sup> String Parent Meeting 6:30 - 7:30
8/18	Beginning Strings Parent Meeting 6:30 - 7:30		
10/25	<b>Beginning Strings Concert</b>		
10/20-10/21			MNPS Honors Orchestra *selected by audition*
11/19			Mid-State Auditions *optional*
12/12			<b>7<sup>th</sup> &amp; 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Winter Concert</b>
12/13	<b>5<sup>th</sup> &amp; 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Winter Concert</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> &amp; 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Winter Concert</b>	



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## Strings 2016-2017 Spring Semester

Dates	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Strings	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Strings	7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Strings
1/12 - 1/14			Mid-State Orchestra Weekend *select students*
2/14			<b>After School Rehearsal</b>
2/21			
2/28			<b>CPA Prep Concert @ Hillwood High School</b>
3/2			<b>After School Rehearsal</b>
3/4			<b>Saturday Day Camp</b>
3/6 - 3/10 (exact date TBA)			<b>Concert Performance Assessment Week: School Day Performance @ MTSU</b>
4/29	<b>Solo &amp; Ensemble: Croft Middle School</b>	<b>Solo &amp; Ensemble: Croft Middle School</b>	<b>Solo &amp; Ensemble: Croft Middle School</b>
5/1	<b>5th &amp; 6th Grade Spring Concert</b>	<b>5th &amp; 6th Grade Spring Concert</b>	
5/3			<b>After School Rehearsal</b>
5/5	<b>Beginning Strings Dollywood Trip</b>	<b>Intermediate Strings Dollywood Trip</b>	
5/9			<b>Advanced Strings Spring Concert</b>
5/12			<b>Advanced Strings St. Louis Trip</b>
TBA	<b>Strings Awards Ceremony</b>	<b>Strings Awards Ceremony</b>	<b>Strings Awards Ceremony</b>



# BMS Music Boosters

Welcome to the BMS Music Boosters! The objectives of the Music Boosters are:

- To encourage and sustain an enthusiastic interest in the BMS Music Program
- To provide financial support to the BMS Music Program
- To support the BMS Music Directors

All parents or legal guardians of BMS Band/String students are encouraged to become members of the BMS Music Boosters. All members may participate in business meetings and serve in any positions.

2016-2017 Executive Board Officers of the BMS Music Boosters:

President	Stacy McGaffin	Cnstacy@comcast.net	615-579-4868
Vice President	Susie Spriggs	Susie.Spriggs82@gmail.com	615-578-1762
Secretary	Melissa Dye	Tydye11@gmail.com	386-747-5593
Secretary of Communications	Mary Bernard	Maryb1517@gmail.com	615-319-5185
Treasurer	Kirk Neinaber	sportsdoc1075@yahoo.com	731-336-0586
Fundraising	Jill Wrenne	Jillyb@bellsouth.net	615-710-6454

To join the BMS Music Boosters, provide the following registration information. You will be added to our email list and invited to all the BMS Music Booster meetings.

To foster a successful music program, there are many roles to play throughout the year. We encourage participation in one of our committees. Please check the committee you would like to join.

<p>Student Name: _____</p> <p>Guardian Name(s): _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>Phone: _____</p> <p>Emails: _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(please print legibly)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">\$10 dues / family</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Make check payable to "BMS Music Boosters"</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Cash   <input type="checkbox"/> Check # _____   <input type="checkbox"/> Amount: _____</p> <p>Registration costs \$10 per family per academic year. Put registration form and money in envelope labeled "Music Boosters" and with student's name in band mailbox in band room.</p>	<p><b>I would like to help with:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Chaperone Committee</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> OWL Store Reps/Product Inventory</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Awards Ceremony Committee</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Concert Attire Committee</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising / Ways &amp; Means Committee</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Symphonic Band/Symphony Orchestra Trip Planning Committee</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Setup or Break down for special events</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Copies, sorting, class projects, etc.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Manual labor such as lifting Fruit &amp; Fudge boxes at delivery time.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Band Camp/Music Clinic Volunteer</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Cleaning &amp; organization of music rooms</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I'm not sure what I can do to help, but please ask me if there is a need</li> </ul>
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## 1. What is Charms?

Charms is an office assistance website used by music programs. It is what we use to communicate with you! Each student has a Charms account. By logging into your student's account you can validate your contact information, view the music program calendar, and track your student's fundraising balances and trip payments.

In the BMS Music Program, the student receives 75% of the profit of music fundraisers and the BMS Music Boosters receives 25%. The students may use the fundraising proceeds to pay for BMS Music T-shirts, polos, and trip balances. Your student's account rolls over to the next year, as long as your student remains a member of the BMS band or strings program.

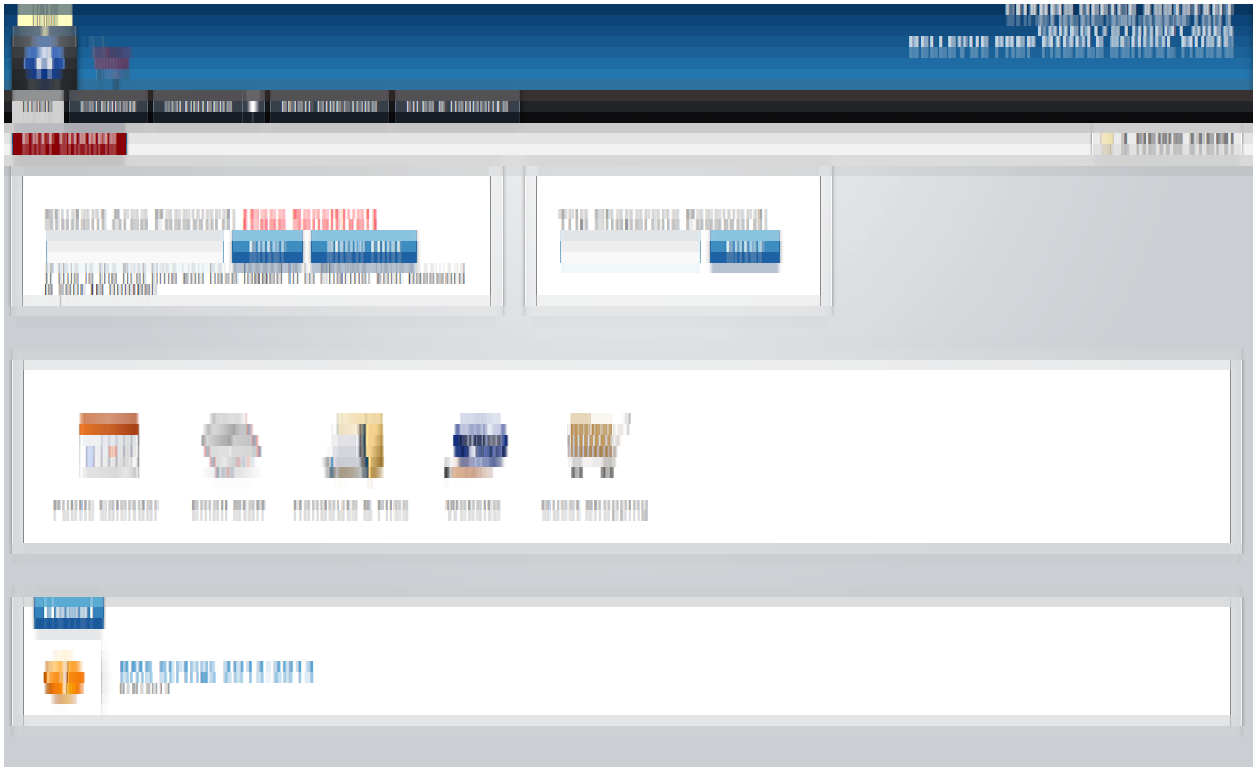
## 2. How to access your student's CHARMS page:

- a. Go to: [www.charmsoffice.com](http://www.charmsoffice.com)
- b. From the "ENTER/LOG IN" menu, choose **Parents/Students/Members**. On the "Charms Parent/Student/Member Area" pop-up box, in the School Code field, enter **BellevueMiddle** and then click the **Enter Charms button**. (If you forget the school code, click on the **Need School Code?** Drop-down and you'll be guided through a process for finding the school code.)

A screenshot of the Charms Parent/Student/Member Area login page. The page has a blue header with the Charms logo and the text "Charms Parent/Student/Member Area". Below the header, there is a message in a grey box: "(1) INCORRECT SCHOOL CODE, PLEASE TRY AGAIN." Below this message, there is a text input field with the label "Please Enter Your School Code:" and the text "BellevueMiddle" entered. Below the input field, there is a note: "(for a demo, please enter 'demo' or 'demo123')". To the right of the input field is a blue button labeled "Enter Charms". At the bottom of the form, there is a dropdown menu labeled "Need School Code? [v]".



- c. This opens the main parent page. This will allow you to look at the “public” calendar for your organization, event list, handouts and other files.



- d. Clicking on an event on the calendar brings up the details for that event, such as times, attendance requirements, volunteer opportunities, and other event details. Note that if a calendar event is specifically assigned to your child, it may NOT show up on this calendar – check the “Student” calendar after entering the student’s ID number (see below).
- e. On your first visit to Charms, you will enter your child’s **Student ID NUMBER in the Password box**. (You should have received this ID from a Boosters Board member. If you need to request your student’s ID, email Mary Bernard, Secretary of Communications, at [communications@bmsmusicboosters.org](mailto:communications@bmsmusicboosters.org), with your student’s name and grade level.) Now you are inside your student’s specific account.

- f. Click on the **Student Info icon** (looks like a person) and then check your student's **Personal Information** and **Change Your Password**. This is the password you will now use to login on future visits.
- g. Under the **Finances icon**, you'll be able to check your student's ongoing financial ledger where transactions will be posted throughout the year.
- h. Check the **Calendar icon** to find out about important dates and events.
- i. The **News tab** will have archived copies of the most recent weekly news emails.
- j. Under the **Handouts & Files icon**, you'll find all forms, permission slips, handouts, etc. that you'll need for this year. You may download these documents from here.
- k. You can watch a **Video Tutorial** of logging into and using a Charms student account here: <http://www.bmsmusicboosters.org/charms.html>
- l. If you have any questions, please contact:
  - Mary Bernard, [communications@bmsmusicboosters.org](mailto:communications@bmsmusicboosters.org)
  - Stacy McGaffin, [president@bmsmusicboosters.org](mailto:president@bmsmusicboosters.org)

# Bellevue Middle School Band

## CONFIDENTIAL EMERGENCY HEALTH INFORMATION

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: M/ F  
Last First MI (circle)

**ALERT TO PARENTS:** If your child has a serious medical condition, *it is vital that you discuss this with Mr. Waters immediately.* The school **must** know of **LIFE THREATENING** conditions (asthma, diabetes, nut/insect allergies with anaphylaxis) prior to your child leaving on the band trip.

In order to provide a safe and healthy environment for your child, the following information will be accessible to the following people: Mr. Waters, Mrs. Funderburk & other medically trained parents, trip chaperones, and emergency medical personnel. If an event occurs that requires your student to be taken to the hospital, **ALL EFFORTS** will be made to contact you and it will be necessary for you to give phone consent for permission to treat your child to the medical staff. This information sheet will be destroyed at the conclusion of the trip.

**A. Medical History:** Check the ones that apply to your child and describe under the comment section.

_____ ADD/ADHD	_____ Headaches	_____ Other: _____
_____ Anxiety/Panic attack	_____ Hearing Problem	(explain)
_____ Asthma	_____ Heart Condition	_____ PE activity
_____ Bee Sting allergy	_____ Kidney/urinary	Limited _____
_____ Bowel problem	_____ problems	Not Limited _____
_____ Cerebral Palsy	_____ Muscle Disorder	Explain: _____
_____ Diabetes	_____ Neurological Concern	_____
_____ Menstrual issues	_____ Orthopedic problem	_____
_____ Epi-Pen use	_____ Seizures	_____
_____ Emotional Concerns	_____ Vision problems	_____

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**B. ALLERGIES:** List allergies your child has that may cause a problem on the trip:

\_\_\_\_\_

**C. MEDICATION:** (Include prescription, over-the-counter and herbal medication. Use back if necessary)

1) \_\_\_\_\_ Used to treat \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_ Used to treat \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_ Used to treat \_\_\_\_\_

4) \_\_\_\_\_ Used to treat \_\_\_\_\_

**D. List any other operations, injuries, hospitalizations that may impact your student's involvement on the trip.**

**E.** Does your student wear contact lens? \_\_\_\_\_ Glasses? \_\_\_\_\_

F. Name of Physician: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Dentist: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

G. Can your child be administered these medicines if needed? Please Circle

<b>Tylenol</b>	Yes	No	<b>Antacid</b>	Yes	No
<b>Ibuprofen</b>	Yes	No	<b>DayTime cold med</b>	Yes	No
<b>Imodium</b>	Yes	No	<b>Cough drops</b>	Yes	No
<b>Dramamine</b>	Yes	No	<b>Robitussin Cough syrup</b>	Yes	No
<b>Benadryl</b>	Yes	No	<b>Gas X</b>	Yes	No

H. Please list Medical Insurance Information:

Name of Company \_\_\_\_\_

Policy Number \_\_\_\_\_

Group Number \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Insured \_\_\_\_\_

I. Parent's/Guardian's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Student lives with: Mother: \_\_\_\_\_ Father: \_\_\_\_\_ Both parents \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**IN THE EVENT OF A MEDICAL EMERGENCY, IF A PARENT OR GUARDIAN CANNOT BE REACHED, PLEASE CONTACT:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorization: Volunteer Background Investigation

Revised July 2014



Please mail, fax or scan-and-email this authorization form to Volunteer Coordinator, PENCIL Foundation.  
Address: 421 Great Circle Road, Nashville TN 37228. Fax: 615-254-6748. Email: [nbaker@pencilfd.org](mailto:nbaker@pencilfd.org)  
Questions? Contact PENCIL at 615-242-3167, ext. 231.

**NOTE: The MNPS Volunteer Policy requires all volunteers to register at [www.schoolvolunteers.org](http://www.schoolvolunteers.org).  
Please register and then use the site to log your volunteer hours.**

PLEASE PRINT IN INK

I'm ready to volunteer. School \_\_\_\_\_ School Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

I need help finding a volunteer role. Preferred schools \_\_\_\_\_  
Best days & times \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a college student? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, Name of College \_\_\_\_\_

Current Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Best Phone Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name and Address \_\_\_\_\_

Previous address: Only required if in Tennessee for less than one year OR if you're a college student

Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been convicted of any criminal offense, either misdemeanor or felony, other than minor traffic violations in the last seven years?  Yes  No

Are you currently charged or under investigation for any violation of the law other than minor traffic violations?  Yes  No

**Authorization and General Release**

I hereby authorize PENCIL Foundation, any or all of its subsidiaries and affiliates and any employee or agent, including Fowlers' Profile Links, Inc., to request and receive any information and records concerning me, including but not limited to, criminal record history and reports from individuals, corporations, partnerships, associations, institutions, schools, governmental agencies and departments, courts, law enforcement and licensing agencies, and other entities. I further release and discharge PENCIL Foundation and any or all of its subsidiaries and affiliates, and every employee or agent including Fowlers' Profile Links, Inc. and all individuals and personal, business, private or public entities of any kind, from any and all claims and liability arising out of any request(s) for, or receipt of, information or records pursuant to this authorization, or arising out of any compliance or attempted compliance, with such request(s). I understand that I have the right to make a written request within 60 days to Fowlers' Profile Links, Inc. for a complete and accurate disclosure of additional information concerning the nature and scope of the investigation. I acknowledge that I have voluntarily provided the above information for the purpose of registering with PENCIL Foundation as an MNPS volunteer, and I have carefully read and I understand this authorization.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTICE – YOU MUST COMPLETE THIS REQUIRED SECTION.**  
**IT IS REMOVED AND SHREDDED WHEN THE REPORT IS COMPLETE.**

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Soc. Security No. \_\_\_\_\_



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## BMS Strings - Frequently Asked Questions

Here are some questions and answers about the 2016-2017 Strings program:

### 1. Should I **rent or buy an instrument** for my child?

Please **rent** your instruments from the reputable local stores included on the supply list. They will be able to properly fit your child, provide the necessary supplies, make any needed repairs, and allow students to change instruments as they grow. Some even offer a rent to own plan. Buying an instrument is discouraged until students reach the age where they can comfortably play a full sized instrument. **Do not buy instruments online** and especially avoid laminated wood and colored instruments (brands such as Mendini, Cecilio, etc.) – although they may be inexpensive, their quality is often detrimental to student progress, do not stay in tune, and often need more repairs.

### 2. Should students take **lessons**?

Private lessons are not required but always encouraged! Most music stores provide lesson services after school. At BMS we are lucky to have professional string players come in weekly to provide private lessons to any interested students during strings class or RTI. Lessons are \$20 for 30 minutes and the instructor is paid directly. Buddy lessons are available for \$15 a student. For those who do not want to commit, a two lesson tune-up is an option for a one time fee of \$40. If you would like to sign up your child, please contact me and I will schedule a time for them.

### 3. When are the **BMS Strings Concerts** this year?

#### 5th/6th Grade Strings

- Thursday 10/25: Beginning Strings Concert (5th Grade Only)
- Tuesday 12/13: 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade Winter Concert
- Monday 5/1: 5th/6th Grade Spring Concert

#### 7th/8th Grade Strings

- Monday 12/12: 7th/8th Grade Winter Concert
- Tuesday 2/28: Hillwood Cluster CPA Prep Concert @ Hillwood High School\*
- March 6-10: Concert Performance Assessment (CPA) window @ MTSU\*
- Tuesday 5/9: 7th/8th Spring Concert



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\*All concerts are in the BMS Theater unless noted.

## 4. What is **Concert Dress**?

When choosing concert dress keep in mind freedom to bow, keep dresses/skirt lengths at knee length when seated. No jeans or sneakers please.

- 5th/6th Grade: As a rule “**dress nice**” - solid colored shirts, blouses, skirts, dresses, slacks, dress shoes, tie optional (fun holiday accessories permitted for holiday concerts)

\*\*5th and 6th Grade students wear BMS "Music Is" T-shirts and khaki bottoms for their spring trip\*\*

- 7th/8th Grade: As a rule dress professionally in **all black** – button-up shirts, blouses, calf length or longer skirts/dresses (or black tights underneath if shorter), slacks, dress shoes, black socks (no white/color shirts underneath or colorful accessories), (fun holiday accessories permitted for holiday concerts)

\*\*7th and 8th Grade students wear BMS "Music Is" T-shirt, BMS Music Department Polo, and khaki bottoms for their spring trip\*\*

## 5. Is **BMS Music Attire** required for trips?

Attire can be purchased through the BMS Music Boosters.

- 5th and 6th grade students are only required to have a "**Music Is**" t-shirt
- 7th and 8th grade students are required to have a both a "**Music Is**" t-shirt and **Music Department Polo**

## 6. What **trips** will strings be taking?

In the spring, 5th and 6th grades compete on their own and 7th-8th grade strings plus select band students combine forces to create full orchestras. Trips are educational and performance based.

**Beginning Strings** (5th Grade) & **Intermediate Strings** (6th Grade):

- Friday 5/5: Dollywood Trills & Thrills Festival



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## **Symphony Orchestra** (7th/8th Grade Strings + Select Band Members)

- March 6-10: Concert Performance Assessment TBA

## **Advanced Strings** (7th/8th Grade Strings)

- May 11-13: St. Louis Music in the Parks

### **7. Why should we participate in Fundraising Opportunities?**

Throughout the year the BMS Music Boosters will send information home with the students about fundraising events. A percentage of student proceeds will go directly to their account designated to paying for trips and other music department related purchases. Trips can range anywhere from \$90-700 depending on the location so individual student fundraising is crucial to offset the cost. Student accounts will roll over towards the next year. The remaining percentage will go towards the general BMS Music Boosters fund which pays for fees, classroom equipment, etc.

### **8. What is CHARMS?**

CHARMS is the software we use to send out email mailings, track forms that have been returned, and track student accounts for fundraisers/payments. You will be provided with instructions to access CHARMS so you can fill out contact information and see your child's balance. For CHARMS questions contact Mary Bernard [maryb1517@gmail.com](mailto:maryb1517@gmail.com)

### **9. Does the Strings program have a dedicated website?**

The strings website can be found at the Bellevue Middle School PTO website. News, forms, dates, and information will be regularly updated. <http://www.bmsmusicboosters.org>

We also have a Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/bmsstrings>

### **10. How can I Volunteer?**

There are multiple opportunities throughout the year to help Mr. Waters (band) and Mrs. Funderburk. Participating in the BMS Music Booster group is the best way to help and stay informed! Meetings are once a month and will be announced via email. Contact Stacy McGaffin for more ways to help out: [cnstacy@comcast.net](mailto:cnstacy@comcast.net)

### **11. What is the MTSBOA Solo & Ensemble Festival?**





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In the spring, students will have the opportunity to perform a solo, duet or trio as part of the MNPS standards for instrumental musical performance. At the **Middle Tennessee School Band and Orchestra Association Solo and Ensemble Festival**, your child will perform for a judge who is an experienced music teacher specializing on the instrument your child plays. There is a 10 minute window. The judge will hear the performance and then give a mini lesson the remainder of the 10 minutes. If your child earns a Superior or Excellent rating they will receive a ribbon with a medal – Blue for Superior and Red for Excellent. **Cost: \$10**

Although optional, Bellevue Strings students are encouraged to attend the festival in April.

- Saturday, April 29th: Spring Solo & Ensemble Assessment at Croft Middle School