

**Friends of Lanai Booster  
is pleased to introduce  
Lanai's NEW ORCHESTRA PROGRAM**



When children learn to play an instrument, they acquire self-discipline, problem-solving and memory skills, poise, enhanced physical coordination, and high self-esteem. They become comfortable with goal-setting, self-expression, concentration, and teamwork. These skills are in great demand in almost every aspect of life.

Learning to play an instrument can also prepare your child to play in the band or orchestra in middle and high school. Music can have a profound effect on the academic success of students. Belonging to the orchestra opens a whole new world of friendship and discovery. We hope your child will join us for a year of music, learning, and personal growth.

Students in grades 2 through 5 may enroll in the Lanai Road Orchestra. They may choose from the following instruments:

- Violin
- Viola
- Cello
- Flute
- Trumpet
- Clarinet
- Saxophone

If your child is new to an instrument (or may need to change the size of their string instrument), please do not purchase or rent the instrument until your child has registered for the program and the music instructor has advised you regarding the suitability and size of the instrument, recommended brands and dealers.

The forty-five minute classes will take place on Tuesday afternoons, between 12:45pm to 3:45pm. The exact time of your child's class will depend on his/her chosen instrument and skill level. The final schedule will be provided on Wednesday, September 28 when instructors will audition returning orchestra students for placement in classes and interview students who are new to an instrument, measuring those who sign up for flute or strings (these instruments come in different sizes). **Returning orchestra students who already have an instrument should bring it to school on Wednesday 9/28.** Lessons will begin on Tuesday, October 4 and will continue through Tuesday, May 29. The year will conclude with a performance by all orchestra students on Tuesday, June 5.

Students in grades 2 through 5 will attend an informational presentation during school on Wednesday, September 21. They will hear fellow students and instructors play each of the offered instruments to help them choose the instrument they would like to play.

**Parents are invited to an informational session at school on Wednesday, September 21 at 7pm** to meet Program Director Dorothy Caimano and learn about the program and instructors, expectations for students, how parents can best support their young musician, and how to select their child's instrument (which can be purchased new or used, or rented for the year or month-to-month).

The enrollment fee is \$225\* and includes all instruction, one lesson book (which will be provided by your instructor), and one orchestra t-shirt. **To enroll your child, please complete the attached enrollment form and return it to the Lanai Road Orchestra box in the school office by 3pm on Friday, September 23. Late enrollments cannot be accepted.**

\*Friends of Lanai Booster partially funds the Lanai Road Orchestra to keep the program affordable for all students who wish to learn to play an orchestra instrument.

# Enrollment Form

Completed form with check for \$225\* to Friends of Lanai Booster must be received in Lanai Road Orchestra box in school office by 3pm on Friday, September 23.



## Student Information

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_ Room # \_\_\_\_\_

## Parent/Guardian Contact Information

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

## Instrument Selection

My child would like to play:

- Violin
- Viola
- Cello
- Clarinet
- Saxophone
- Trumpet
- Flute

My child has \_\_\_\_\_ years of experience playing the instrument indicated.

If your child has experience playing a different instrument, please indicate the years and instrument here:

My child has \_\_\_\_\_ years of experience playing the \_\_\_\_\_.

Students who were previously in orchestra must audition on September 28 to demonstrate the required skill level for the intermediate/advanced class. If they do not meet the skill level specified by the instructor and program director, they will be enrolled in the beginning class. They will have the special status of Helpers for the students who are completely new to their instrument. If they progress quickly because of their previous experience, the instructor may move them to the intermediate class.

## Orchestra T-Shirt

One (1) orchestra t-shirt is included in your enrollment fee.

Please specify your child's size here:

- Small (6)
- Medium (8)
- Large (10-12)
- X-Large (14)

Please note that we will not have an inventory of these shirts. Students will be asked to wear them for the Orchestra photo at Photo Day in October and at the concert in June.

If you would like to order extra orchestra t-shirts at a cost of \$15 each, please indicate the sizes here:

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|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> Youth Small   | <input type="radio"/> Adult Small    |
| <input type="radio"/> Youth Medium  | <input type="radio"/> Adult Medium   |
| <input type="radio"/> Youth Large   | <input type="radio"/> Adult Large    |
| <input type="radio"/> Youth X-Large | <input type="radio"/> Adult X-Large  |
|                                     | <input type="radio"/> Adult XX-Large |

\_\_\_\_\_ extra shirt(s) x \$15 = \$\_\_\_\_\_ (add to \$225 enrollment fee)

I understand that I play an important role in my child's musical progress and that my child needs my support and encouragement while learning to play an instrument. In order to help my child make good progress and derive the greatest satisfaction from playing an instrument, I will:

- **Remind my child to bring his/her music and instrument to school on lesson day.** Failure to remember the instrument and/or lesson three times may result in removal from the class without a refund.
- **Help my child establish and maintain a regular practice routine of 15-20 minutes per day.** Please provide an adequate space, free from distraction, for practice. Practice assignments are given weekly and recorded by students on a home practice assignment sheet which parents should review and sign.
- **Make sure my child brings home the instrument at the end of the lesson day for practice.**
- **Encourage my child.** Learning to play an instrument is not easy. Children can become discouraged and parents may need to remind them to be patient and stick with it. Listen to him/her play part of an assignment, ask her/him to perform for family and friends, remark on small and large accomplishments. (e.g. "That part of the song sounded better today than it did yesterday.")

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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