



Sign up for... TOPS Music 2009-10

Please read carefully - there are a changes from last year – and send the bottom portion to the TOPS office or to the email address listed.

Middle School Orchestra and Chamber Group (Monday/Wednesday 8:15a-9:05a – Starting 9/29/09)

5th Grade Orchestra (Wednesday 9:05a-9:45a – Starting 9/30/09)

Valerie Tung, a busy performer and teacher in the Puget Sound classical music scene, returns to TOPS as the director/instructor of our strings programs. She will continue to lead TOPS middle school orchestra and chamber groups, with most of last year's group continuing on. In addition, for the first time we will have an ensemble specifically tailored to the 5th graders who participated in our 4th grade instrumental music program last year.

Middle School Band (Tuesday – 8:20a-9:05a – Starting 10/6/09)

5th Grade Band (Tuesday – 9:05a-9:45a – Starting 10/6/09)

Ed Littlefield will again direct our middle school and 5th grade programs. Ed is a multi-instrumentalist who specializes in percussion. He will continue to make the two TOPS Bands fun learning experiences. The TOPS Bands are designed to give young musicians a chance to have a group playing experience. (*Subject to cancellation if not enough students sign up.*)

Hummingbird Choir – Grades 3-5 (Wednesday – 11:50a-12:30p – Starting 9/30/09)

Inspire Choir – Grades 6-8 (Thursday – 8:15a-9:05a – Starting 10/1/09)

After a one year break from leading TOPS Choirs, **Sari Breznau** will be back directing our Hummingbird Choir. This year the Hummingbirds will encompass grades 3 to 5.

Mary Catherine Wise is our newest TOPS music teacher. A current music student at Seattle Pacific University, Mary is a longtime choir performer and has directed and accompanied several local choirs. She will be directing our Inspire Choir this year. *Note that because of the loss of the Middle School after lunch Silent Reading Block, Inspire Choir will now be meeting before school.*

K-2 Sing – Wednesday - Starting 9/30/09

Sari Breznau leads our Kindergarten, First and Second Grades in weekly in-class singing.

Guitar (after school Tuesday/Thursday – Starting 10/6/09)

Guitar instructor **Ryan Hoffman** is a jazz player with the local band Pearl Django and other groups, and a performer and teacher of many different styles. Ryan is a patient and knowledgeable teacher who is looking forward to teaching TOPS kids again this year. Groups of 3 to 4 of similarly skilled students will meet once a week for 30 minutes. Middle School students are eligible for the activity bus. Please contact Johnny Calcagno [johnny <at> stickerville.org](mailto:johnny@stickerville.org) for more information.

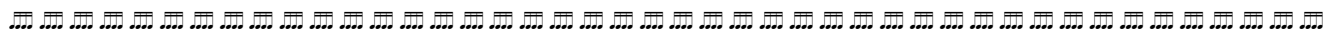
4th-Grade Beginner Instrumental Music

The Seattle School District provides one year of beginner instrumental music on a wide assortment of instruments. We are fortunate enough to again have Mark Oesterle as our teacher on Friday mornings. Families of 4th Graders will get information about the program from Mark. Students beginning an instrument in 5th grade are also eligible.

Pianoforte program at TOPS

The Pianoforte Program at TOPS offers after-school extracurricular piano lessons. The program has openings for individual piano lessons for a student at any level. Lessons take place in the middle school building in room B405. The cost is \$20 per lesson. Students meet every week and all materials are provided.

Please contact Peter Stevens ([peterstevens<at>gmail.com](mailto:peterstevens@gmail.com) or 206-226-8776) for available times.



Instrumental music programs (except for 4th/5th Grade Beginner Instrumental Music) are supported by Friends of TOPS and by a \$100/semester or \$200/year fee. No child will be turned away for financial reasons, and attempt will be made to find instruments for children that don't have them.

Additional information will soon be available on the TOPS website: topsk8.org/arts/music/ or contact Johnny Calcagno at 206-325-9134 or [johnny <at> stickerville.org](mailto:johnny@stickerville.org).

For planning purposes, we need to know the approximate numbers of student participants for this year's music programs. Please drop Johnny an email, or return this form to TOPS with the following information:

Child's name

Teacher/Grade

Program (Band, Orchestra, Guitar, Choir)