

Pioneer Fiddlers @ Gregory

PURPOSE: Pioneer Fiddlers is an exciting, co-curricular enrichment group that performs mostly fiddle-style music and a couple of pop songs. Students may also have opportunities to sing and dance (if they want to!). Any 7th or 8th grade violin, viola, cello or bass student is welcome to join at the beginning of the school year, and 6th grade students will be given an opportunity to begin in January (6th grade students with prior playing experience may ask about possibly joining at the beginning of the year). Pioneer Fiddlers is an exciting group that has fun playing together at four concerts throughout the year, including the Fiddle Fest, which is a combined concert with three other schools!

REHEARSALS: Students practice before school on most Mondays from 6:45-7:45 a.m. (see exact dates below and download our online calendar easily from our website). Students who join are expected to attend and be on time to all rehearsals and performances. Out of respect for the other group members, students are expected to be unpacked and ready to play on time. Arriving at (or after) 6:45 a.m. is considered late. Students should be dropped off at Door #4 between 6:30-6:40 a.m.

HOW TO JOIN: To join, this registration form needs to be turned in by Thursday, August 30, and students must make the commitment to arrive on time to every rehearsal and performance (see below). Parents/guardians: please report any excused absences to: Lori_Lauff@ipsd.org. Excused absences are when a student is also absent from school that same day. Unexcused absences are not acceptable since we only meet once a week. Good attendance is critical to our group's success as well as each student's comfort level. Students who miss rehearsal will often fall behind, and we want to avoid putting our students in this awkward situation. Thanks in advance for making sure your child attends and is on time.

REQUIRED SUPPLIES: Pioneer Fiddlers students are provided with the music that we use for this fiddle group. However, students will use their 1-inch, 3-ring, hardcover binder for orchestra music only that they use for class to also keep their fiddle music throughout the year.

Required Rehearsals & Concerts (keep this for your records):

GMS Fall Concert - Sept. 10, 17, 24; Oct. 1, **11** (Thursday dress rehearsal), Concert: Oct. 15 (5:30 p.m. call time);

GMS Triptych Concert - Oct. 22, 29; Nov. 12, 19, 26; Dec. 3, **10** (dress rehearsal); Concert: Dec. 17 (time TBA)

GMS Spring Concert - Jan. 14, 28; Feb. 4, 11, 25; Mar. **7** (Thursday dress rehearsal) Concert: Mar. 11 (5:30 p.m. call time)

Fiddle Fest - Mar. 14 (Thursday), Mar. 18 & Mar. 21 (Monday & Thursday - Last rehearsals of the year!)

Fiddle Fest Concert: Thursday, April 4th at Scullen Middle School (5:30 p.m. call time; 7:30-8:30 concert)

Pioneer Fiddlers Registration Form

Cut and return bottom section only on or before Thursday, August 30.

Neatly Print Student's First and Last Name: _____
(as you would like it to appear in the concert programs)

Instrument: _____ Grade: _____ Orchestra Class Period: _____

We have discussed our child's interest in joining and agree that this would be a beneficial experience. We understand that joining is a commitment that means attending all before school rehearsals and all performances throughout the entire school year. We understand that students should be dropped off at Door #4 between 6:30-6:40 a.m.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____