

Pioneer Fiddlers Leadership Team

PURPOSE: Our Leadership Team is expanding this year! We are looking for 7th and 8th grade students who are signed up to be members of our Gregory Pioneer Fiddlers group to consider applying. The main purpose of our Leadership Team is to be a service-oriented group. During Q1 & Q2, we will focus on developing our leadership skills, including how to be an effective mentor to our 6th grade beginners when they join us in January, as well as learning additional music we can take on the road to a local nursing home to spread holiday cheer to their residents! During Q3 & Q4, we will shift our focus to serving as leaders and role models for our newest members and continue to advance our own skills.

REHEARSALS: Students will have normal practices before school on Mondays with the regular Pioneer Fiddlers group. In addition, the Leadership Team will meet on most Thursday mornings from 6:45-7:45 a.m. to provide rehearsal time first semester to learn additional music and second semester to sit side-by-side with our younger students and provide leadership and mentoring to this group (see exact dates below). Students who apply and are invited to join this group 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 APPLY: To apply, 7th and 8th grade orchestra students need to complete the 3-part application/audition process no later than Tuesday, September 11th at 11:59 p.m. and be a regular member of our Pioneer Fiddlers.

- Part 1: Complete the return sheet at the bottom and turn it in on time;
- Part 2: Complete and submit the Google Form application on Google Classroom on time; and
- Part 3: Make a video recording of yourself playing the Cripple Creek tune and break parts (no repeats) and the Devil's Dream (advanced tune). Music will be provided to students in class. Students will practice on their own at home and may record themselves using Screencastify, WeVideo, a phone/device, or anything that can save to their Google Drive. Then, students must share the recording(s) on time with Lori_Lauff@ipspd.org.
- All students who apply will be notified by September 15th letting them know if they were selected to be on this year's Leadership Team, and the LT rehearsals will begin on Thursday, September 20.

Additional Required Rehearsals for Leadership Team (keep this for your records):

GMS Fall Concert - Sept. 20, 27; Oct. 11 (dress rehearsal), Concert: Oct. 15 (5:30 p.m. call time);

GMS Triptych Concert - Oct. 18, 25; Nov. 8, 15, 29; Dec. 10 (dress rehearsal); Concert: Dec. 17 (time TBA)

There will also be a nursing home performance scheduled the first week of December. Date TBA.

GMS Spring Concert - Jan. 10, 17, 31; Feb. 7, 14, 21; Mar. 7 (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)

Part 1: Pioneer Fiddlers Leadership Team Return Sheet (Due by Tuesday, Sept. 11)

Neatly Print Student's First and Last Name: _____

Instrument: _____ Grade: _____ Orchestra Class Period: _____

We have discussed our child's interest in applying to be a part of the Leadership Team and agree that this would be a beneficial experience if selected. We understand that there is a 3-part application/audition process (noted above), and all three parts must be submitted on time to be considered for this group. All students will be notified by 9/15/18. We understand that selected students will need to be on time to all Monday and Thursday morning rehearsals.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____