

# The Bridge



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## A Newsletter for Oregon Friends of the Orchestra

The mission of the Friends of the Orchestra organization is to serve all orchestra students, grades 4 through 12 throughout the Oregon School District, and to provide support to their directors. This mission will be accomplished through fundraising, volunteer efforts, and parent and community support.

### **HELP DESPERATELY NEEDED** **FOR GIRLS' BASKETBALL** **CONCESSIONS!**

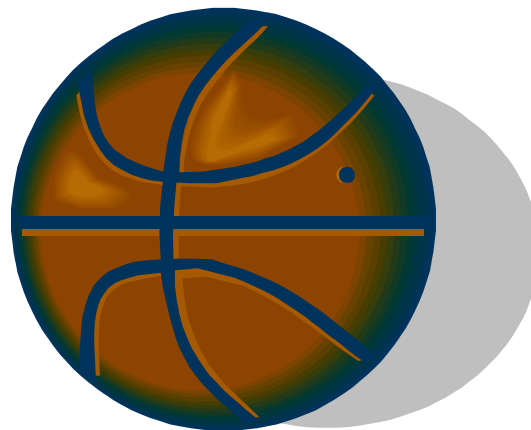
McGuigans and Sebrina Nielsen and Morgan Ellingson.

One of the biggest fundraisers for Oregon Friends of the Orchestra each year is selling concessions at the girls' high school basketball games.

The girls will play 10 home games this year, and Oregon has the honor of hosting the regional final and WIAA sectional. This means we have 12 games to staff this year, which is great for FOTO!

As of this printing we have just a handful of families who have volunteered to work. We need more! A big thanks to those who have volunteered: The families of Alice Gehrke, Emily Reinicke, Hannah Best, Ulrika and Adrian Swanson and Jay, Luke and Neil Belanus.

Another way to support FOTO is to donate money to buy the food and supplies. Thanks for donations from the following people: The Palzers, Groniers, Starrs, Reinickes, Jends, Rauschs,



**We need more help** so please consider volunteering or making a monetary donation. Most people who volunteer have a great time! The games and dates are listed below. It is easy to use the website, [www.oregonfoto.org](http://www.oregonfoto.org) to volunteer.

You may also contact Robin as directed below to sign up, to mail donations, or if you have questions. Thanks. (Please see sign up form on next page).

**GIRLS' BASKETBALL SCHEDULE**

Tues., Nov. 23  
Sat., Dec. 4  
Sat., Dec. 11  
Tues., Dec. 21  
Mon., Jan. 3  
Fri., Jan. 7  
Tues., Jan. 18.  
Sat., Jan. 22  
Tues., Feb. 1  
Thurs., Feb.10  
Sat., Feb. 26 (tournament)  
Fri., March 4 (tournament)

***GIRLS BASKETBALL  
CONCESSIONS***

\_\_\_ **We will donate \$\_\_\_\_\_** to Friends of the Orchestra to cover the purchase of food and supplies.

\_\_\_ **We would like to work one evening at the concession stand** which is open from 6-9 p.m.

(We especially need volunteers between 7 and 7:45 p.m. and during halftime of the varsity game, so don't hesitate to volunteer if you can only work from 7 until 8:30 p.m.)

Student's name/grade: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Parent's name: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone number and/or email address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please mail this form to: Robin Potter, 5475 Marie Road, Oregon 53575. Make checks payable to FRIENDS OF THE ORCHESTRA. You may also volunteer by signing up on the website,

[www.oregonfoto.org](http://www.oregonfoto.org). Please contact Robin by phone or email at 835-3007 or rlpotter@wisc.edu.

**STATE HONORS  
ORCHESTRAS**

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the following orchestra students who performed in the statewide honors orchestras: Middle level: Anne Brethauer, Molly Hall and Bradley Riss. High school: Erica Bjoraker, Lisa Kursel, Kate Mielke and Ulrika Swanson.

***Meet Friends of the Orchestra:*** FOTO board meetings are open to everyone and are held at 6:30 p.m. in the high school orchestra room. The next meeting is Tues., Jan. 11. For more information, contact the following officers:

- Co-presidents** – Ellen Kursel, 835-8385, and Dee Hall, 835-7996
- VP** – Lisa Webber, 835-0915
- Treasurer** – Sue Mielke, 835-5171
- Co-secretaries** – Carol Landahl, 835-7360 and Ellen McAllister, 835-5225.

**ORCHESTRA DIRECTORS:**

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## **GIFT GIVING IDEAS FOR YOUR STRINGS PLAYERS**

*Here are some suggestions from the  
orchestra directors*

### **Violinists and violists**

- For any new string instrument or bow, (Eastman) call Ralph Rabin (274-8272) or Charles Pinckney (442-0416). In all cases let the student choose an instrument in your price range and/or check with teacher for advice ... we love to help!!
- Look into composite or carbon fiber bows -- they're more durable than inexpensive wood bows and worth the money
- Case (oblong with humidifier, pockets and case cover)
- Kun shoulder rest (collapsible, which fits better in cases)
- Chin rest pad
- Heavy practice mute to cut down on noise during practice
- Rosin (Hill dark or Jade)
- Recordings of famous violin soloists and ensembles, such as Joshua Bell, Midori, Itzhak Perlman, Nadia Salerno-Sonnenburg, Gil Shaham, Eroica Trio, Emerson Quartet, any Symphony Orchestra from Chicago, New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Minnesota, etc.

- Recordings of famous viola soloists and ensembles, including: Kim Kashkashian, Eric Shumsky, Walter Primrose, Patricia McCarthy, Emerson Quartet.

### **Cellists**

- For a new instrument or bow, see above.
- Rosin (Jade)
- A stand for the instrument at home
- Recordings of famous soloists and ensembles, including Yo Yo Ma, Jacqueline Du Pre, Janos Starker, Lynn Harrell, Eroice Trio, Emerson Quartet, any symphony orchestra from the major cities.

### **Bassists**

- New instrument or bow, see under violinists and violists heading.
- Wheel for endpin of bass - check with Henry Boehm in Madison.
- Bow quiver
- A stand for the instrument at home
- Rosin (Petz No. 3 or Pop's)
- Recordings of famous soloists and ensembles, including Gary Carr, Edgar Meyer, Mark Morton, Rufus Reid, Ron Carter (jazz), any symphony orchestra from the major cities.

### **General for All Instrumentalists**

- A pick-up and amp
- Videos of great performances or new techniques like fiddling or improve
- Music stand (Hamilton black or folding -- lots of fun new colors)
- Cleaning supplies (specially formulated for string instruments), including cleaner/polish, soft cloth, peg compound
- Gift certificate for sheet music and supplies from Ward Brodt

- Gift certificate for CDs from Barnes and Noble
- Ticket to a concert. Check out the local arts section of the newspaper, Overture Center box office, Madison Symphony Orchestra website, [www.portalwisconsin.org](http://www.portalwisconsin.org).
- Software for writing music on the computer, such as PrintMusic (\$69.95 on their website) or Finale (around \$600)
- Tuner (Korg CA-30) about \$24
- Metronome (the Sabine Metrotune is both tuner and metronome, about \$34)



## **ORCHESTRA CALENDAR** **2004-05\***

*\*Please note: Some times are tentative.  
Watch for communications from directors.*

### December 2004

- 9 -- BKE 3rd/4th grade chorus and orchestra concert, 7 p.m. @ BKE
- 9 -- OHS Orchestra Concert, 7:30 p.m. @ PAC (h.s. performing arts center)
- 14 -- RCI orchestra concert, 7 p.m. @ PAC
- 16 -- NKE/PVE orchestra concert, 6 p.m. @ PAC
- 16 -- OMS orchestra concert, 7:30 p.m. @ PAC

### March 2005

- 3 -- RCI 6th grade orchestra recital, 7 p.m. @ RCI
- 5 -- WSMA District Solo and Ensemble Festival, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. @ Oregon High School
- 7 -- PVE orchestra recital, 7 p.m. @ PVE Little Theatre
- 8 -- BKE orchestra recital, 6 p.m. @ BKE
- 8 -- OHS orchestra concert, 7:30 p.m. @ PAC
- 8 -- Badger Conference Large Group Festival for OHS orchestras in DeForest, all day
- 10 -- RCI 5th Grade orchestra solo recital, 6 p.m. @ RCI
- 10 -- OHS band concert, 7:30 p.m. @ PAC
- 14 -- NKE orchestra recital, 7 p.m. @ OMS Cafetorium

### April 2005

- 12 -- OMS spring orchestra concert, 7 p.m. @ PAC
- 18-22 -- OHS Fine Arts Week

### May 2005

- 19 -- OHS orchestra concerto concert, 7:30 p.m. @ PAC
- 26 -- NKE/PVE/BKE 4th grade orchestra concert, 6 p.m. @ PAC
- 16 -- RCI 5th/6th Grade Orchestra Concert, 7:15 p.m. @ PAC
- 31 -- OMS 7th grade orchestra chamber/solo recital, 7 p.m. @ OMS Cafetorium

### June 2005

- 2 -- OMS 8th grade orchestra Farewell Concert, 7 p.m. @ OMS Cafeterium

# THE POWER OF POSITIVE PARENTING By Adele Mann

In fourth grade orchestra, the first several weeks have been devoted to developing good playing posture. Correct posture is critical for success playing a string instrument. We will continue to work on and monitor these habits throughout the year.

In the last couple of weeks, we have started using the bow. This is a time of great excitement and possibly great frustration for a beginning string student. Some students grasp the concept with ease and some take a while longer to “get it.” As we develop this new technical skill, your child may need extra encouragement at home to continue good practice habits and performance in class. It is important for children to know that these skills take time and that we all support them.

Here are some things that you can do at home to help your child feel successful:

- Offer compliments and encouragement regularly
- Encourage your child to talk with you about classes
- Find a quiet place for your child to practice where you can monitor him/her
- Listen to your child practice, and acknowledge improvement
- Encourage your child to play for family and friends, but only if the child feels comfortable doing so
- Keep your child’s instrument out of harm’s way and away from extreme heat or cold
- Increase your enthusiasm and involvement in your child’s playing

- Talk to your child’s teacher if you have any questions or need ideas

### **Some things to AVOID:**

- Using practice as a punishment
- Insisting your child play for others when he/she doesn’t want to
- Ridiculing or making fun of the sound, mistakes or less-than-perfect playing
- Apologizing to others for your child’s weak performance

As with any other subject or activity, children develop their skills at their own pace and in their own way. I believe every child has a gift and a reason for wanting to be involved with music. It may be physical, emotional, or for some reason even they can not explain. It is something that takes time, patience and nurturing. The power of a parent’s actions and words is very important in this process.

If you have any questions about your 4<sup>th</sup> grade string student, please contact us: Adele Mann, PVE, 835-4262 or Rebecca Eggerichs, NKE/BKE, 835-4195 or 4532.



*Patience: It’s the key!*

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