



# WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Elementary Instrumental Music Parents:

Welcome to the new school year! Your child is enrolled in the instrumental music program and is in the process of starting weekly music lessons. Learning a new instrument is exciting and challenging, and we want everyone to get off to a great start. National research studies continue to support music instruction as part of an overall program that will help your child become a well-rounded student. These studies have also shown that students who participate in school music programs do better on standardized tests and score higher on the SAT. The goal of the Washington Township instrumental music faculty is to help every child be successful in music specifically and school in general. We are proud that our schools have maintained a fine reputation for excellence in music.

You are invited to attend an informational meeting on Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the 11/12 Auditorium at Washington Township High School. The auditorium is located on the left side of the building closest to the football stadium.

The meeting will include various presentations on the music lesson program, activities and expectations, helpful practice tips, the instrument rental program and teacher contact procedures. The instrumental teachers will also be available to answer your questions.

We look forward to seeing you on the 26<sup>th</sup>. Please feel free to contact your school instrumental teacher if you have any questions regarding this meeting.

Sincerely,

Dr. Mary Bushong, *Band - Bells, Birches, Thomas Jefferson, Wedgwood, and Whitman*

Miss Lisa Sebastiani, *Strings – Birches, Band - Hurffville*

Mr. Evan Smith, *Strings - Bells, Hurffville, Thomas Jefferson, Wedgwood, and Whitman*