

**Bernards Township Public Schools**

**Liberty Corner Orchestra Program**

**Basking Ridge, New Jersey**

Dear Parents and Guardians of Strings Students:

Greetings from the string program! I am very excited to begin another year of making beautiful music here at Liberty Corner. This school district offers string instruction from the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade through the 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Learning to play an instrument and belonging to the school orchestra opens up a whole new world of friendship and fun! In addition to music, students will learn many other skills that apply to every aspect of life including self-discipline, group cooperation, enhanced physical coordination, goal setting, and self-expression.

All students will receive one small group lesson per week during the school day. This year our lessons will be based on a rotating schedule. This means that students will only miss the same thirty-five minute segment during the instructional day once every six weeks. In addition to their weekly lessons, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will participate in a 45-minute orchestra rehearsal once a week before school. Attendance is necessary to attain our performance goals.

**Please Note:** All students will begin lessons the week of September 13, 2010. Please see below for the current orchestra rehearsal schedule.

- **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Orchestra will meet every Tuesday in room #112 at 8 a.m. beginning September 21<sup>st</sup>. Students should arrive by 7:55 am to be tuned. Students will have lessons during school every Wednesday on a rotating schedule.**
- **4<sup>th</sup> Grade Orchestra will meet every Wednesday in the gym at 8 am beginning September 15<sup>th</sup>. Students should arrive by 7:55 am to be tuned. Students will have lessons during school every Wednesday on a rotating schedule.**
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade students will only meet during the school day for their lessons; they do not have morning rehearsals. They will be having lessons every Tuesday on a rotating schedule.**

All lessons will begin on Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup> and a detailed schedule has been given to your child's teacher. New students will receive their instruments during the first lesson. As the year progresses, I hope you will feel free to contact me whenever necessary. My email address is rkarle@bernardsboe.com and my phone number is 1-908-204-2550x309. I am looking forward to working with your child in the coming year!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Rebecca Karle  
Orchestra Teacher