

Music For Youth of Arlington Heights

P.O. Box 282 Arlington Heights, IL 60006

Music For Youth (MFY) is a Suzuki-based stringed instrument program for violin and cello. Children living in District 25, attending grades K-8 at a public, private or home school, may enroll. This is a parent-paid program, partially subsidized by District 25. Please attend our parent information session on **Thursday, September 19 at 7:00 p.m. at Olive-Mary Stitt Elementary School**. Hear a short musical presentation by current students, learn about our program and meet the teachers. Registration materials will be available.

The Philosophy MFY endorses the philosophy of Shinichi Suzuki called "Talent Education." In individual and group lessons, in a non-competitive environment, children learn through deliberate, repetitive steps modeled by the teacher. The parent then aids this process by reinforcing the lesson concepts at home practices. It is not necessary for the parent to be able to play an instrument or read music to be successful at helping the child. The MFY faculty is comprised of Suzuki-trained teachers. They have numerous years of experience teaching group and private lessons, and perform professionally themselves. Not only will the MFY program help your child learn to play music, but involvement also builds discipline and self-esteem, while fostering a love for music.

The History MFY is a parent-run, not-for-profit corporation, formed in the summer of 1971. District 25 contributes a share of the program funding. It provides the program with an administrative liaison, enabling our program to function within district guidelines. Most MFY lessons are taught during the school day at your child's school. Specific lesson scheduling is up to the MFY teacher, working within the confines of your child's classroom schedule. Parent participation in volunteer activities is highly encouraged in some capacity for the continued success of the MFY program.

The Role of Parents The most important obligation of parents is the willingness to devote regular time to this endeavor. That involves attending your child's weekly lesson and a bi-weekly repertoire class with your child at the schools and guiding them in a daily practice session at home. The practice session will range from 5-10 minutes at first, and should increase as the child advances.

DISTRICT 25 SCHOOLS – Tuition Information 2019

Cost per semester, per child: New Students: \$ 250.00

1st Semester: October - January

2nd Semester: January - May

MFY tuition covers: * Weekly lessons
 * Bi-weekly repertoire (group rehearsal)
 * Solo Performances
 * Formal Group Performances
 * Informal concerts within community

Additionally, more advanced students will participate in orchestra

String Instruction

- * Promotes self-esteem and builds self-confidence
- * Helps develop habits of mental and physical discipline
- * Enhances fine motor skills
- * Encourages cooperation and problem-solving
- * Allows music appreciation and study at an early age
- * Develops concentration, improved listening skills and memory

TEACHER INFORMATION

Violin:	Karen Noorani	630-240-3214	Greenbrier, Patton (Administrator)
	Tamara Glassburg	847-971-7183	Dryden, Olive, Thomas (String Orchestra)
	James Sanders	773-469-0624	South, Thomas (Sinfonia)
	Gretchen Rebar	218-348-4665	Ivy Hill, Westgate (Reading Orchestra)
	Vannia Phillips	773-612-6546	Windsor
Cello:	Julia Wen	224-612-1785	All Schools