



**TO:** Albuquerque Prelude String Orchestra Parents and Students

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Congratulations on being selected for the 2010 - 2011 Albuquerque Prelude String Orchestra! We are sure that you will find your year in the Prelude Strings a rewarding time, as we solidify the fundamentals of string technique while preparing music for our scheduled concerts. **If for any reason you are NOT planning to participate in the Albuquerque Prelude String Orchestra this year**, please call the AYS Program office at 875-1319 by July 1. This courtesy on your part will allow students on the waiting list the opportunity to perform with Prelude Strings. **Please read the enclosed tuition form carefully and note the important deadlines.**

#### **First Rehearsal**

Please note that there is a general parent meeting on Tuesday, August 17 at Sandia High School. The Albuquerque Prelude String Orchestra will have its own **student and parent orientation on Saturday, August 21, 2010, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.** Parents, plan to attend the first hour of this important orientation, which will then be followed by a rehearsal (students, bring your instrument!) so that you may meet the instructors and staff that will be working with your child each week. You will also get an overview of what your child can expect each week, and in turn, what we expect from your child. The Albuquerque Prelude String Orchestra will rehearse at Jackson Middle School every Saturday that Albuquerque Public Schools is in session unless otherwise announced. Please refer to the schedule on the back of this letter and enter the dates on your calendar. **Please note that the rehearsal on August 21 will be "PRELUDE CAMP" from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. More information about Prelude Camp will be given during the Aug. 15 orientation.**

Jackson Middle School, 10600 Indian School Rd. NE, Albuquerque, NM 87112 (between Morris and Eubank.)

#### **Requirements for Participation in the AYS Program**

The AYS Program is an enhancement to, and not a substitute for, existing school music programs, each of which has independent rules and policies. The AYS Program will coordinate activities with school programs as appropriate, but will neither interfere with, nor participate in establishing the rules or policies of, any school music program. Dismissal from any public or private school will be viewed as a failure to participate in school band or orchestra and will result in dismissal from the AYS Program.

Students must be enrolled as regular members of their school band or orchestra, if offered. Students accepted into the program on a string instrument (violin, viola, cello, string bass and harp) must be enrolled in their school orchestra. Home School students who also elect to attend a public school are subject to the same AYS Program membership requirements as public school students.

A list of students will be sent to all Music Directors and/or Orchestra Directors verifying appropriate participation according to the AYS Program policy in your school instrumental music program. If your school has no instrumental program, the school principal must sign this sheet, indicating that no instrumental program is offered.

#### **Transportation**

In the past, car-pooling has been a very effective and cooperative way to meet transportation needs. Students from each school generally make arrangements with each other. There will be an address and phone list in your child's music folder at the first rehearsal and parent orientation on August 21.

Thank you, and have a wonderful summer!