



**TO: ALBUQUERQUE PRELUDE STRING ORCHESTRA PARENTS AND STUDENTS**

**FROM: Emily Awes and Karen Schindwolf, Co-Conductors, Abq. Prelude String Orchestra  
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Congratulations on being selected for the 2011 - 2012 Albuquerque Prelude String Orchestra! **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 information carefully and note the important deadlines.**

**Parent meeting/First Rehearsal**

The Prelude Strings will have its first rehearsal on Saturday, Aug. 20, 2011. **We will start our first rehearsal with a mandatory PARENT MEETING from 9:00 – 9:30 a.m. At 9:30 a.m., we will begin rehearsal and you may leave and pick your child up at noon.** The Prelude Strings will rehearse at Sandia High School (7801 Candelaria NE, at Candelaria & Pennsylvania) every Saturday, per the **schedule on the back of this letter. Please carefully enter the dates on your calendar.** Please note: students may not miss “Required” rehearsals. Any other absences require prior approval from the conductors. All string students will need to bring music stands for all sectionals at Sandia High School.

**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. 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 independent 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. Students who are accepted into the program on a wind, brass or percussion instrument must be enrolled in their school band. 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, Orchestra Directors and Band Directors verifying appropriate participation according to 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 included in your child’s music folder.

Thank you, and have a wonderful summer!