



Rockheights MIDDLE SCHOOL music

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**Final Concert for CHOIR and STRINGS,
with very special guests Grade 5 STRINGS from Victoria West and Macaulay!
7:00pm, Wednesday, June 19th, 2024, Rockheights Middle School Gym**

Thursday, May 23, 2024

Dear Victoria West and Macaulay Families:

The grade 5 strings classes have been working so hard this year! To celebrate, students are asked to perform in a **Final Concert at Rockheights Middle School, at 7pm on Wednesday, June 19th in the gym**. Families are welcome to bring as many guests as they like. Donations are gratefully accepted and help to enrich the experiences of students in the program. Thank you! Please read on for the details:

**Final Concert for CHOIR & STRINGS, with special guests
Grade 5 Strings from Vic West and Macaulay Elementary Schools
7:00pm, Wednesday, June 19th, Rockheights Gym**

- All students must **arrive by 6:30pm**.
- Please wear any **school spirit wear**, or any dark clothing.
- **Grade 5 strings students** should go to the gym when they arrive to find their seat.
- **The doors will open for the audience at 6:45pm**. Thank you for your patience!
- **Everyone is asked to attend the whole concert**. Please appreciate how much student absences impact everyone's hard work in these ensembles. It is a busy time of year for families, if you absolutely need to arrive late, or leave early, or if you cannot attend, please get in touch with me and let's work it out.
- **Students are asked to please leave their phones, jackets, etc. with their parents** during the concert. Parents are allowed to take photos and videos, however, are kindly asked not to post them online anywhere.
- **The concert should take about one hour and fifteen minutes**.
- **At the conclusion of the concert, all SD61 Strings instruments and text-books must be collected in the large music room**.

Do you need help?

Yes, please! If you are a parent or older sibling and are willing to help with these concerts, by stage managing during the concert (moving chairs and stands around), watching the donation bin, helping to collect instruments and books or general supervision, **please get in touch with**



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me, or step forward at the concert to help. Fast stage managing really helps to trim the length of a concert and make it more action-packed for everyone.

What happens after the concert?

We will have one last class on Friday, June 21st for an in-class celebration!

What's happening for grade 5 strings next year?

A budget was passed, and sadly, there were **cuts to the grade 5 strings program**. The program will continue in a "hub" model, with students from several schools coming together to learn in one "hub" location. There isn't any more information available at this time, but you can check www.rockheightsmusic.com over the summer for updates.

Thank you for supporting your child's music education this year. Your support and encouragement send them a powerful message of **love and connection** to their work, and helps them to understand that all their efforts are worth it. Grade 5's, you will be dearly missed at your elementary schools, but know that you will be welcomed with wide open arms into your middle school music programs! Have a wonderful summer!

Fondly,

Risa McDonell

p.s. Please read on for very important information about how to return school books and instruments.



HOW TO RETURN YOUR INSTRUMENTS AND BOOKS

Books and instruments are due back to ROCKHEIGHTS by the end of the concert on June 19th. Please prepare your instruments for return carefully and considerately by doing the following:

For ALL BOOKS:

- ✓ **Drop your books** in the appropriate bin in the large music room at *Rockheights*. Bins are labelled. Paper folders and photocopied sheet music can be recycled or kept.

For ALL INSTRUMENTS:

- ✓ **Empty the case** of any personal belongings, for example pencils, papers, rosin, reeds or other supplies which you purchased yourself.
- ✓ **Vacuum or brush out the case** of any lint or debris.
- ✓ **Leave a note in the case describing any problems** with the instrument (“fine tuner missing” “broken string” etc.)
- ✓ **Make sure your name is clearly visible** on the case, either on a luggage tag or painter’s tape.
- ✓ **Wipe off any rosin dust** from the instrument with a soft, DRY cloth.
- ✓ **Unwind the bow.**

Once you’ve completed this cleaning, THEN leave your instrument in the large music room at ROCKHEIGHTS at the end of the concert on June 19th.