

**LIBERTY JR. HIGH AREA**  
**SIXTH GRADE ORCHESTRA INFORMATION PACKET**  
**2007-2008**



| <b>School</b>                   | <b>Days</b> | <b>Time</b>     | <b>Teacher</b> |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------|
| <b>Audelia Creek Elementary</b> | Everyday    | 8:15am – 9:00am | Ms. Paderewski |
| <b>Forestridge Elementary</b>   | Everyday    | 2:15pm – 3:00pm | Mr. Davenport  |
| <b>Jess Harben Elementary</b>   | Everyday    | 2:15pm – 3:00pm | Mr. Cook       |
| <b>O’Henry Elementary</b>       | Everyday    | 1:15pm – 2:00pm | Mr. Cook       |
| <b>Richland Elementary</b>      | Everyday    | 1:15pm – 2:00pm | Mr. Davenport  |
| <b>Springridge Elementary</b>   | Everyday    | 8:15am – 9:00am | Mr. Cook       |

## Welcome to the Orchestra!

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### **Berkner Area Orchestra Website**

Our website is a great resource for information about the events that occur throughout the school year. You can see all the Liberty information as well as information from Apollo and Berkner HS. Please visit the website often.

**[www.BerknerOrchestra.org](http://www.BerknerOrchestra.org)**

On our website you will find a link to **[CHARMS MUSIC. COM](http://CHARMSMUSIC.COM)**

This site will also be very helpful for you and us to stay connected. The Liberty Orchestra calendar is there as well as other important features that you should visit.

LJH Cluster Orchestra Students (6 – 8) and Parents - use School Code: **[LibertyJHOorch](#)**. Use your RISD Student ID as your Charms Student ID number. This will take you to the Liberty pages of the Charms website. As soon as possible, please go on the Charms website, login using the above instructions, go to the “student info” section and fill out and/or update your child’s information.

### **Medical Release Form**

This form is a medical release that must be filled out, notarized and returned to your orchestra teacher in order to participate in all field trips or activities off the school campus taken by the orchestra students. **Every school year a new Medical Release form must be filled out and signed before a notary public.** The notary public acts as a witness and makes the form a legal document. You will find the form at the end of this handbook. Please have this form notarized and returned to your orchestra teacher by September 10<sup>th</sup>. There are several notaries on various school campuses so please call your home school campus for information. *Remember that the parent must sign the form in the presence of the notary.*

**Please return your Notarized Medical Release form by September 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Equipment and Supplies must be brought to school everyday.**

1. **Instrument with bow**
2. **Rosin**
3. ***Kun* brand Shoulder Rest for Violin and Viola students**
4. **Rock Stop or *Xeros* brand strap for Cello and Bass students**
5. **Music Book: *Orchestra Expressions* - Book One for your instrument**
6. **Folding Music Stand with case**
7. **Soft cloth for cleaning instrument**
8. **Pencil – to be kept in case for use in class**

**Optional Supplies (to be kept at home)**

**Metronome – is helpful in 6<sup>th</sup> Grade - will be needed by Jr. High**  
**Korg tuner with clamp – very helpful for tuning instruments at home and at school.**

### **Approved List of Music Stores**

Please use one of the music instrument dealers from this list. We trust that the instruments and service that you will receive from these dealers will be the best quality for the best price.

**Williamson Music Co.**                      701 E. Plano Pkwy #100                      Plano 75074  
972-516-1331                                      www.williamsonmusicco.com

**Caraway Strings**                              call for service                                      Richardson  
214-718-8095                                      www.carawaystrings.com

### **Classroom Rules and Procedures**

- Be seated quietly with your instrument and equipment as quickly as possible.
- Bring materials daily.
- Follow instructions and demonstrate courteous behavior.
- Raise your hand and receive permission to speak, play or leave your seat.
- Food, chewing gum and drinks are not permitted around instruments.
- **Keep fingernails at a short and appropriate length at all times to allow for the proper playing position. Do not get nail tips or acrylic nails.**
- Good posture and playing position is important for all players.  
**“If you look like a pro, you will sound more like a pro.”**

Following class procedures will result in an excellent conduct grade. Verbal warnings, written detentions and parent contact will be used to correct improper behavior. In extreme behavior, students will be sent directly to the principal.

**All students will adhere to the RISD Student Code of Conduct Handbook.**

## School-owned Instrument Policy

There are a limited number of school-owned instruments available at a cost of \$75.00 per year. If your child is fortunate enough to be able to use one, you are financially responsible for a stolen instrument, for any damage to the instrument, as well as for replacing all broken items such as strings, bows, endpins, etc. with equipment of the same value. As long as the instrument is checked out to your child, you are financially responsible, no matter the location of the instrument or the circumstances involved. After the instrument is brought back to Liberty JH at the end of the year, the instrument will be inspected for any necessary repairs or replacement items. You will then be asked to pay for these items or repairs. After this you will be released from your financial responsibility. Some parents choose to include the instrument on their homeowner's policy. Others choose to obtain insurance from a company specializing in insuring musical instruments.

*I have read and understand the policy above. I agree to be financially responsible for the instrument that is assigned to my child until that instrument is returned to Liberty Jr. High and I am released from responsibility.*

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Instrument: \_\_\_\_\_ Serial number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please pay by check written to: BAOC**

**Payment received:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Check # :** \_\_\_\_\_

**Liberty Cluster Elementary Orchestra**  
**2007-2008**  
**Calendar of Events**

**Tuesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>**    **Our First Concert for Parents**    7:00pm    Liberty JH Cafeteria  
This program will give the parents a first look and listen to the progress that their child is making. Information will be shared that should help parents better understand how to help their child become a better musician and orchestra member. Wear you Halloween Costume and enjoy refreshments after the program.

**Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**    **Winter Concert**    7:00pm    Liberty JH Small Gym  
This program will include all Liberty Cluster Orchestra students from grades 6 through 8. You will be amazed at how much more your child has learned since the October concert.

**Monday, January 28<sup>th</sup>**    **String Fling**    7:00pm    Liberty JH Gym  
This exciting program will combine all 6<sup>th</sup> grade students from the Berkner Cluster schools. What a wonderful sound you will hear from this large orchestra. We will also feature the Berkner High School Orchestra at this concert. You will be able to see into the future as you imagine your child playing in the Berkner Orchestra when they reach High School.

**TBA**  
**Between May 5 - 16**    **District 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band and Orchestra Assessment**  
All 6<sup>th</sup> grade band and orchestra students will participate in the annual assessment of their basic knowledge of music and their instrument. There are two parts to this assessment. Your teacher will select two days from the two week window to administer the test. The directors use the results of the test to better plan our curriculum.

**Week of May 12<sup>th</sup>**    **Sandy Lake FunFest**    TBA    Sandy Lake Park, Carrollton  
This school-day field trip is the highlight of the year. We will combine all the Liberty Cluster 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes to play for this fun and educational contest. Students will experience their first competition as an orchestra students as well as enjoying the parks many rides.

**Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**    **Berkner Area Finale Concert**    7:00pm    Berkner Auditorium  
This end-of-the-year concert will present all Berkner Area Orchestras from 6<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Each group will present a brief program, starting with the 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Now you can look back at how you sounded in August and project how you will sound as you grow in Orchestra through Junior High and High School. Your family and friends will want to attend this wonderful program.

**TBA**  
**April or May**    **PTA Concert**    at your elementary school  
Some elementary schools host the band and orchestra at PTA meeting in the Spring semester. Your teacher will let you know if your school will participate and when and how that will happen.