

December 2008

Dear Parent:

Your son/daughter is being encouraged to audition for our **ALL-DISTRICT ELEMENTARY HONOR STRING ORCHESTRA** which will perform at the **60<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL STAIRWAY-OF-THE-STARS** at the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium on **Thursday and Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009**.

Please fill out the attached Audition form and return it to your child's Music Teacher by **January 7, 2009**. Auditions will be held at Grant Elementary School on Saturday, January 24, 2009. Your child will have a chance to play for one of the district's music teachers and will receive encouraging remarks and suggestions. "Auditioning" will be an enjoyable experience.

This year's STAIRWAY PROGRAM will be a GALA OCCASION for the community. We hope your child will want to participate.

Sincerely yours,

*Tom Whaley*

Tom Whaley, Coordinator

Stairway-of-the-Stars/Visual & Performing Arts Program

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**AUDITION INFORMATION**  
**All-District Elementary Honor String Orchestra**

**PLACE:** Grant Elementary School, Auditorium  
2368 Pearl Street, Santa Monica, CA 90405

**DATE:** Saturday, January 24, 2009  
**TIME:** 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**PROCEDURES:**

Students will audition on a "FIRST COME-FIRST SERVE" basis. You may arrive any time between **8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.**

**Each student will:**

1. Be assigned an audition number at the registration desk.
2. Have a chance to warm up prior to the audition.
3. Be called to an individual room for the audition. Each audition will take about 5 minutes. Plan on warm-up and waiting time
4. Be excused immediately after the audition.

**REQUIREMENTS:**

During the individual audition, students will be asked to:

1. Play two major scales (all instruments); B<sup>b</sup> chromatic scale (winds only).
2. Play a prepared solo.
3. Sight read music provided by the adjudicator.

**ACCEPTANCE:**

Letters of acceptance will be mailed the following week.

If accepted, students must:

1. **Remain regular members of their school music groups.**
2. **Attend all eight (8) rehearsals.**
3. **Perform with the All District Honor String Orchestra.**

**REHEARSALS:**

**Dates/Location:**

**Thursdays:** February, 5, 12, 19, 26, March 5, 12, 19, 2009 at **Will Rogers Learning Community**, 2401 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Santa Monica and **Wednesday, March 25, 2009 at the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium**, 1855 Main Street, Santa Monica

**Time:** 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

**Dress Rehearsal** - Thursday March 26, 2009 at the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium during the school day - transportation provided.

**TRANSPORTATION:**

It will be the **parent's responsibility to provide transportation for their child to and from rehearsals** (except Dress rehearsal on Thursday, March 26, 2009).