

The Grizzly Strummerz Handbook



Marc Morris, Principal

Matt Mueller, Music Director

Thank you for your interest in the Grizzly Strummerz! I am excited that your child has taken an interest in pursuing the ukulele. **Our focus is simply to play!** We will strive to develop good technique and skills necessary to foster a joy of lifelong music-making; strumming, chords, picking, tuning, FUN! The Grizzly Strummers is open to **any 1st- 5th grade Grant student** and will

meet one day a week after school. No personal ukulele required. See below for further details--
Thank you!

Enrollment:

Student and parent fill out the application portion of this handbook. Return filled-out and signed application with enrollment fee (see cost below) to Anahi in the office by Oct. 8th. No personal ukulele is required to enroll but is encouraged to allow practice at home.

Rehearsal Schedule:

Weekly rehearsal:

Mondays 3:30 - 4:30

Year-At-A-Glance:

September 24 - Dec. 14 , Jan. 14 - March 15 , and April 8 - May 20

Cost:

Enrollment cost per student will be \$50 for the school year. **The application and money is due to Grant Office by Oct. 8.** Scholarships are available (contact Anahi in the office 503-399-3151) *The Grizzly Strummerz \$50 fee is non-refundable.*

Concerts/Events:

Grant Music Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser, October TBA, Grant Cafeteria

Fall Cultural Night, November TBA, Grant Gymnasium

Spring Recital, May 8th, 6:30pm Grant Cafeteria

Other in-school performances TBA

Dismissal/Pickup:

After School- After the bell, Strummerz students will stand with SKEF kids by the music room door, walk over to the cafeteria and wait for Mr. Mueller, who will then escort students to the music room.

Please make sure you and your child knows how they are getting home after rehearsal. If your child has a sibling, please make sure the sibling knows the plan as well.

If your student participates in:

SKEF- they will be dismissed at 4:30 with their belongings, and go straight to snack time in the cafeteria.

Pick-up- Outside music room door at 4:30. **Please be ready waiting for your child before rehearsal is over--**Let's respect everyone's time. Siblings will also wait by the music room door.

Walking Home- If your child walks to school then they will be free to walk home at 4:30. No staff is available to accompany walkers.

Expectations:

Attendance- Students will not be excluded from Strummerz rehearsals because of absence. However, significant absence from rehearsals will result in dismissal from the concert. Missing 6 or more rehearsals will be considered significant. As with math, we learn new skills every day and to expect a student to demonstrate skills learned in his/her absence would be unfair.

Behavior- It is expected that students behave well at all times—on stage and in rehearsal. Students must show respect at all times during Grizzly Strummerz rehearsals. represent Grant and sets a standard for our

school. If a student has difficulty meeting this expectation she/he may be dismissed from the group for the remainder of the year.

Commitment: The Grizzly Strummers is a year-long commitment, and will have focused learning every rehearsal to the end of the year. A student who leaves due to behavioral or academic concerns will not have an opportunity to return until next year. Please inform Mr. Mueller and/or the Office staff if for any reason a student will not be attending rehearsals.

This is going to be a great year and I am excited to start making music!

~ Mr. Mueller

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"I agree to the expectations for the Grizzly Strummers."

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Homeroom Class Teacher's name (not Mr. Mueller): _____

List student allergies and/or accommodations:

Do you own your own ukulele? Yes no

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Parent e-mail: _____

Parent phone: _____

Parent willing to volunteer and/or chaperone? Yes No

**Please tear off this sheet and
return it to Mr. Mueller.**