



THE BRECHT PTO: VIOLIN PROGRAM - (CLASS OF SPRING 2022)

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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Brecht makes music!

By Stephanie Kac, Brecht PTO: Violin Program, committee chair

When it's Springtime that means it's.....
"String Time", at Brecht Elementary School in
Manheim Township School District.

About our Program:

The Brecht PTO: Violin Program is a Spring Semester PTO funded program which began in the 2013-14 school year. The program caters exclusively to Brecht Elementary School students. Class size is typically determined by lottery and at this time is limited to approximately 20 students. Student violins are provided and maintained by The Brecht PTO. Instruction occurs 2 times a week for 1 hour for about 10 weeks (generally March through May) with a total of 20 lessons and 2 performances. The program's intent is to provide a basic introduction to the violin in a classroom group setting using Pedagogic methodology with heavy Suzuki influences and standard method practices.

Students in the program learn the following:

- Proper violin posture and positions
- Parts of the violin and proper care
- String names, rhythm, music vocab
- Playing basic bow rhythms on open strings – using fingers if possible
- Learn about stage presence and performance etiquette

Toward the last weeks of our spring programs, students get to perform at Brecht's Arts & Music Night and or Talent Show and at Brecht's annual Spring Fest. These performances are a wonderful opportunity for them to display their violin skills amongst their fellow Brecht peers, families, and Lancaster community.

Instructors: (See profiles on page 2)

Ms. Angela Lansinger has been our Violin Instructor since the start of the program and has been an integral part of our program's development and success. She has a vast amount of performance and teaching experience with programs like ours and holds two degrees in music. She is also Suzuki Registered.

Oskar Filippo is a violinist, MTHS Sophomore & Brecht PTO: Violin Alum (Spring '15) is our Teaching Asst. for the Spring '22 & '23 years. Oskar is a talented violinist and studies with Ms. Lansinger. He credits his passion for music thanks to the experience with our program.



First Class...bring your box violins:

Prior to the first class, students are asked to make a box violin using two spaghetti boxes wrapped in paper and a painters stick. Students are encouraged to personalize & decorate them. The box violins are used to learn about proper handling of the violin and rest/play positions prior to receiving their actual violin.



Plucking Strings: E-A-D-G

Students learn the strings of the violin by plucking them to "The Ant Song" which goes...."Eek, Eek, Eek, look at all the Ants, Ants, Ants, digging in the Dirt, Dirt, Dirt way down in the Ground, Ground, Ground."

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: CLASS OF SPRING 2022

What was your favorite thing about the violin and/or violin class?



(Violet)

"I liked learning how to pizzicato, bow and play the Pre-Twinkle Duet Song."



(Aurora)

"I liked using pizzicato and the bow on all the songs we were given to learn."



(Jason)

"I liked performing and learning how to play: Boil Em' Cabbage, the Pre-Twinkle Duet and the Open String Blues."



(Pablo)

"I liked learning how to bow, do pizzicato and play all the songs – they were all lots of fun to learn!"

PROGRAM INSTRUCTOR:

Violin Instructor: Ms. Angela Lansinger
Private Instructor/ Suzuki Reg. / Freelance Musician
B.M. Violin and M.M. Viola Performance
Duquesne University

Teaching Assistant: Oskar Filippo (Spring '22 & '23)
Brecht PTO: Violin Alum of our Spring 2015 program
Violinist/ MTHS Orchestra & Chamber group. Member of:
Tri M music honors society and Allegretto Youth orchestra.

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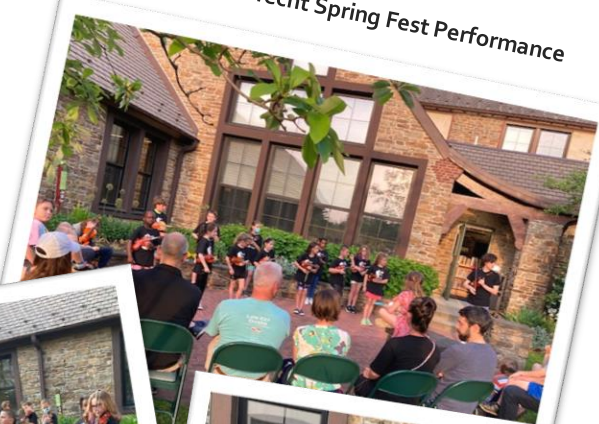
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Checks payable to: Brecht PTO - Violin Program

Annual Brecht Spring Fest Performance



Brecht Talent Show Performance



Thank you for your consideration on supporting our program!

Our mission is to nurture students' love of learning through music.

If you wish to help us accomplish this, your contribution is a wonderful way of helping us continue to "play it forward."