



THE BRECHT PTO: VIOLIN PROGRAM

PROGRAM IMPACT AND TESTIMONIALS

SPRING 2014 - PRESENT

Brecht Elementary School, Manheim Township School District – Lancaster, Pennsylvania

PROGRAM IMPACT:

“The Brecht PTO Violin Program planted the seed that lead our son Oskar, back in Spring 2015, to discovering his passion for music and continuing with the violin. He is now a Sophomore at the Manheim Township High School.

Years later, this program has lead Oskar back “full circle” to Brecht Elementary where he now serves as the Brecht PTO Violin Program - Teaching Assistant (Spring '22 and '23).

This program gives students an early opportunity to experience authentic instrumental instruction through a timeless instrument. I volunteered a couple of times and watched the 2nd graders progress from using their box violins to performing in public within a few weeks on their real violin. It's amazing to see what they accomplish.”

Michael Filippo

Oskar Filippo, Violinist & Alum of Brecht PTO Violin Spring '15. Plays in the MTHS Orchestra & Chamber group. Member of: Tri M music honors society & Allegretto Youth orchestra and studies with Ms. Lansinger.

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“We are so grateful for this program and for the time Stephanie and the violin instructor, Ms. Lansinger, invest into this program. They make it fun and exciting to learn! I am amazed at how much the students learn in such a short period of time (10 weeks). This has been a wonderful introduction to music for Bella who participated in the program in the Spring of 2017. Our oldest daughter Ava participated in the program in the Spring of 2015, and this is where she developed her love for music. Ava now plays the flute, piano and guitar and Bella plays the piano. Thank you for the difference you are making in these young students lives!”

Julia Stern (repeat family/ Spring of 2015 & 2017)

“Thank you so much for all your hard work to make this program happen. You are truly unsung heroes! Your dedication and the hours you put in have not gone unnoticed. Thanks Again!”

Brecht PTO Violin Parents of Spring 2016

“I felt so fortunate that there was this wonderful opportunity for my daughter. The program is well run, the teacher, Ms. Angela Lansinger, is gifted, and it has sparked a love of the violin and music in Finnegan. She learned so much in a short amount of time from basics to performance skills and showed such poise and confidence during their performances. I hope that many other students get to follow, in particular those that may not have opportunities elsewhere. I truly believe that this is the type of program that can create a lifelong love of the arts.”

Katie Forrester, former PTO Violin Committee Member

“Let me start by saying how wonderful this program is!

It has exceeded all expectations; the classes are well organized, and the teachers are so kind and patient. Liam's best days at school were the days he had violin classes and he said he proudly carried his violin case around Brecht – like a trophy! Thank you so much!”

Sasha Zbinden



“This program is a wonderful experience for the Brecht kids. To get the opportunity to try an instrument and to even experience music at their early age is huge! All the performances were impressive, Awesome! Such a huge self-esteem booster for young kids. Keep up the excellent work! I would recommend this program to any and every Brecht student!”

Robert Benson



”Each year when our students observe the presentation for the Brecht Violin Program they are enthralled with the demonstration and instrumental music played by the violin teacher, Ms. Angela Lansinger. It piques their interest and prompts them to go home and share this with their parents. During the end of the school year, it is wonderful to see the violin students proud of their accomplishments and the ability to perform in front of their Brecht peers and school community.”

Thank You for this wonderful program!
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PROGRAM TESTIMONIALS

“We have nothing but positive feedback to convey about this program. Our son Wesley and daughter Violet felt special having their own violin to take care of. We thoroughly enjoyed listening to them practice. This was both their first exposure to learning an instrument. The level of instruction and expectations were very appropriate, and the lessons and practice charts were clearly communicated and easy to follow. We were so proud to watch Wes and Violet perform and thought the kids did an excellent job. Well done to all! This experience inspired Wes & Violet to continue with an instrument at Landis Run & Middle School by doing percussion in the band. Thanks again!”

Marci Miller & Steve Garner (repeat family/ Spring of 2017 & 2019)

“My daughter Jane was part of the 2nd grade violin program at Brecht Elementary, and it started her on a journey of music. For six years she continued with violin lessons from Ms. Angela Lansinger, the program’s instructor. She is a wonderful instructor, as well as a talented player. She is patient with the children and knows the right games and techniques to help them understand their instrument and what they need to do. Jane never balks at practicing, and never refuses to go to lessons, because she enjoys playing so much. I contribute a lot of Jane’s passion for the violin to the kick-start program at Brecht. Jane was involved in orchestra and music through MTSD.”

Nancy Basile

A MESSAGE FROM THE BRECHT PRINCIPAL:

Thanks to the Brecht PTO violin program over the years, numerous second graders have benefitted from instruments in their hands and the exposure to music has inspired many of them to either continue the violin or another instrument. This unique program continues to provide students with an unforgettable music experience. The involvement of parents in this program also builds our school community. Enjoying opportunities to display their learning, the violin program students have performed at various school events including Brecht's Talent Show, Fine Arts Night, and Spring Fest.

Our community loves to see the students perform and celebrates the positive impact of this experience.

Thank you to the PTO parents, supporters and violin teachers who have made this possible for our students.

Dr. Nicole Irish
Principal