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The Sounds of String Music

Soon the sounds of string music will be echoing through the Band Room of Thurston Middle School.

Beginning this fall, as an after-school program, both Thurston students and 4th-5th grade students from El Morro and Top of the World Elementary Schools will have an opportunity to participate in our newly formed strings orchestra.

Philip Felix, who was hired to conduct this new musical offering, has had experience in a variety of music education capacities and graduated from California State University at Long Beach with a Bachelor's degree in Instrumental Music.

Sharing his enthusiasm for the upcoming class, Mr. Felix is looking forward to working with a district and community who so significantly supports music education.

“Laguna students have a high quality of musical abilities and talents. I can't wait until our group has the opportunity to perform and can see how much they have achieved through their hard work.”

Mr. Felix will kick-off this program with a Parent/Student Night that will educate families about how the program is organized and structured. Additionally, Mr. Felix has arranged to have a variety of string musicians come in and demonstrate the variety of individual orchestral strings to help students determine which instrument they are most interested in learning.

There is no cost for this after-school class and it will meet for one hour (3:05-4:05) at Thurston Middle School Band Room Tuesday for 6-8th graders and at Laguna Beach High School Thursday (3:05-4:05) for 4th-5th grade students. The class will combine both musical theory and application.