## <u>Welcome to Our School Orchestra</u> Mr. Bill Binkley, String Instructor for Exton and Glen Acres Elementary Schools

Students in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade have the option to play the violin, viola, cello, or bass. Students take lessons in a group and meet once a week for 30 minutes. The lessons take place on the same day every week, but the lesson time changes weekly. It is important for students to check the string schedule that is posted in each classroom. The string schedule will also be posted outside of the Orchestra Room.

## ACTIVITY FEE

The activity fee for participation in *extra-curricular activities remains unchanged for the 2022-2023 school year*. This is an annual fee, and a one-time payment allows a student to participate in as many activities as he/she chooses. The fee for elementary participation is \$27. More information can be found here: <u>Activity Fee Information</u>

4th & 5th graders combine to form a string Orchestra, which performs in our annual Winter and Spring concerts. 3rd graders have their debut performance in March. 4th & 5th grade students also have the opportunity to audition and play with the WCASD Elementary Honors Orchestra, which begins in January. Students in WCASD can perform in Orchestra through 12th grade! We have a terrific orchestra program!

## PRACTICE!!

Practice is something that most parents and young musicians struggle with. Playing a shiny new instrument holds a lot of allure! However, like any skill, it requires discipline. The rewards are worth the effort.