



September 15, 2011

Dear Grade Four and Five parents,

Your daughter has expressed an interest in our new ukulele program, which will be held Thursdays after school from 3:30 to 4:30 in the Library. We will be using the James Hill method of teaching ukulele, which includes sight-reading, chording, singing, harmony and improvising. It's going to be lots of fun! Students who sign up for the program will be expected to practice at home in between sessions.

Students will need to have a classical ukulele, (which has a fuller sound than the standard size) with linear D6 tuning. We will be ordering these instruments from Empire Music for a cost of \$57.00, along with a carrying bag (\$17.00.) and beginner book (\$7.00), plus tax. The cost for the whole package is \$90 and will be billed to your Elmwood account.

Our classes will begin on **Thursday, September 29**. Students who take the course in the first semester will have the option of continuing in the second semester.

Joining me in teaching this program is Mrs. Cathy Wiley, as well as Mckenzie Gowie, a senior student with extensive training in teaching the James Hill ukulele method. Our group will be excited to perform for you at the Holiday Concert on December 20!

You can read more about the program and instrument by visiting <http://www.ukuleleintheclassroom.com/> and <http://www.empire-music.com/Catalogue.php?ProductID=CL500>. Please note that we will be ordering your daughter's materials through the school in order to take advantage of the group discount.

If you would like your daughter to participate in this activity, please return the permission form to Mrs. Hay by Tuesday, September 20. Please feel free to email me (epike@elmwood.ca) with any questions you may have about this or any other aspect of the music program.

Sincerely,

Evelyn Pike
Music Teacher

Ukulele Club - Grades 4 and 5

I give my daughter _____ permission to participate in the ukulele club beginning September 29, 2011.

Yes, Elmwood School has permission to debit my account the sum of \$90.00 for this activity.

Signature of Parent

Date

Please return this form to Mrs. Hay by September 20, 2011.