



**NELSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
STRINGS PROGRAM
RAISES \$650 OF ITS \$1,500 GOAL**



The Nelson Elementary School and **Apple Hill Center for Chamber Music** have combined their love of music and teaching for the benefit of our youth. Creating a program called Nelson Elementary School Strings.

The seed that started this endeavor was a dream to see Nelson youth learn stringed instruments, not only the usual classical pieces, but the music of our local heritage which is still played here in Nelson. How exciting it must be to learn a piece of music, and then go to the Nelson Town Hall and hear it played by seasoned musicians watching as dancers laugh, stomp and move to the beat!

By the time you have received this month's Grapevine, Nelson's school children will have experienced an Apple Hill concert at the school. The Apple Hill String Quartet will have performed at the School on March 2nd. The program was called "A young person's concert, Travels with the Apple Hill String Quartet through music history".

And this is just the beginning!

There will be an informational family night scheduled later in the school year as well as other concerts.

It is our desire to establish a program similar to the school band. The school currently owns band instruments, but no strings. By purchasing and receiving donated instruments, it will make learning affordable for children's families.

Stringed instruments are "sized" and children aged 6-11

Thank you,

Lenny Matczynski, Director Apple Hill (847-3371)
Valerie Van Meier, Director, Monadnock Folklore Society (847-9931)
Sheila Vara, Nelson Elementary School Teaching Prinicipal (847-3408)

typically use 1/2 - 3/4 sizes. This being the first year of the program, our goal is to have instruments available that fit the students. In subsequent years we will need to add larger instruments as the children grow.

A goal of \$1,500 will purchase five student violins complete with a case, rosin and bow. Decent student violins start at \$300 and up.

Fund raising has just started and we've already reached 30% of our goal! We have enough money to purchase two violins, but we need financial assistance from the community to reach our goal with three more violins.

Keene schools have started a strings program which will guarantee our students the option to continue their musical passion once they graduate to middle school and beyond.

The story "Stone Soup" highlights donations small and large add up; please send what you can and "contribute to the pot". Donations of \$10, \$20 and \$25 will make a difference.

Please make checks payable to:
Apple Hill Center for Chamber Music

Donations can be sent to:
Nelson Strings Program
c/o Apple Hill Center for Chamber Music
P.O. Box 217,
Sullivan, New Hampshire 03445



**THANKS, FROM
JANE KIRK**

What a lovely party I enjoyed in honor of my completing twelve years as a Nelson Selectman. Thank you all who came out on the beautiful Saturday afternoon, February 13. Rick Church did a fine job as master of ceremonies. Gordon Peery and his jazz trio, provided the perfect background music. The delicious finger foods furnished by a number

of people were both bountiful and delicious. Joan Bosely and Linda Boyle worked very hard to coordinate the reception.

I requested, rather than provide me with a gift, that donations be made to Haiti relief through NH West Chapter, American Red Cross. Executive Janet K. Warren was present to receive the contributions that totaled more than \$1300. I will always cherish the book in which everyone was asked to sign. Again, let me say that that it has been a deep privilege and honor to render public service as a Nelson selectman.



*Thank you for your support!
Jane S. Kirk*