

## PATRON PROGRAM







Welcome to the EMMS Music family!

All of us on the music staff are excited for the coming year and grateful for your support as we begin an incredible journey together, filled with learning, growing, and making music. With this in mind, there are a few areas where we could use support.

Our annual Patron - Donation Program gives individuals and local businesses the opportunity to support music at Ellicott Mills through donations at various levels. We appreciate the generosity the community has provided in the past to help fund the purchase of instruments and equipment, supplemental music, folio cabinets, recording equipment, and additional program needs. These purchases have given us the flexibility to split our sectional classes - allowing for more differentiated instruction, create balanced ensembles, and eased the burden of transporting large instruments to and from school. We could not have done this without your support.

We need instruments! While we know that many of you have purchased instruments for your students to play (thank you!), there are students for whom this isn't possible, particularly for some of the larger instruments. While some are provided through HCPSS funds, there is a greater demand this year and we would like to purchase more.

We need money for supplies and repairs! While the county provides some funds for the supplies and repairs necessary to keep everyone going, it is only enough to last a couple of months for a large music program like EMMS.

By offering your support through a direct donation you can help to provide valuable assistance without the distractions of a traditional fundraising effort. If each family of a performing arts student donated just \$50, we could fund many of the extra expenses associated with maintaining our growing music program.

You may send in a donation in any amount by using the attached form and we will acknowledge your donation in each of our concert programs throughout the year. Your direct donation will benefit students throughout the entire music program. The more support we have - both financially and through your volunteer efforts - the more opportunities our students will have to learn about music, perform for appreciative audiences and develop positive character traits. Thank you in advance for your generous support!

Sincerely,

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## YES, I would like to support the Ellicott Mills Middle School Music Department!

Please accept my donation of:		Student Neme
	\$200 or more - Conductor's Level	Student Name:
	\$100 - Symphony Level	Donor Name:(as it will appear in our Concert Programs)
	\$50 - Concert Level	<ul><li>Please publish my name in the concert program</li><li>Please make this an anonymous donation.</li></ul>
	Other - \$ (Any amount is greatly appreciated!)	Phone: ()
		– Email:
		Make check payable to: <i>EMMS MUSIC</i> *Include student name/ phone # in the memo line!!
	THANK YOU	Return To: Mr. Denne ATTN: Music Donation Ellicott Mills Middle School 4445 Montgomery Road Ellicott City, Maryland 21043
	for your	
	continued support!	Please contact me for information about how I can donate time and energy as a parent volunteer.

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