Virginia Tech String Project

The project was initially funded by a grant from NAMM, the International Music Products association. It began in September 2007 with 38 third and fourth grade students from virtually every elementary school in Montgomery County, as well as home schooled students. For just $50 these students were able to enroll for two lessons per week for the semester, approximately 24 lessons at about $2 per lesson. In 2010-12 over 80 students from throughout the New River Valley studied strings and performed five concerts on the Virginia Tech campus and at area elementary schools. Returning students continue to receive instruction as new beginning classes are started. The VTSP now includes three orchestras, 1st year, 2nd year, and advanced.

Virginia Tech String Project teachers visit public and community elementary schools during August to demonstrate instruments and recruit students for classes at Virginia Tech. A parent information and “instrument try out” meeting is held during the first week of September in the Squires Recital Salon on the Virginia Tech campus. Classes are offered for 3rd and 4th grade beginning students in the Virginia Tech Department of Music on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5:00pm. Call the Virginia Tech String Project at 540 231 8496 for more information.

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