

# 國民學校

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CIRCULAR No. 78E/23

(For whole school)

10<sup>th</sup> November, 2023

## Chinese Musical Instrument Training Course (Second term)

Dear Parents:

To cultivate students' interest in Chinese music and promote children's comprehensive development, our school has set up a Chinese musical instrument class this year. We would like to invite your child to participate. The details are as follows:

Course	Date and time	No. of lessons	Fees
Erhu Class, Guzheng Class	Every Monday 3:15p.m. – 5:45p.m. 27/11, 4/12, 8/1, 15/1, 29/1	5	\$80 each Total \$400
Yangqin Class, Liuqin Class	Every Tuesday 3:15p.m. – 5:45p.m. 28/11, 5/12, 12/12, 2/1, 9/1, 16/1, 30/1, 20/2	8	\$80 each Total \$640
Dizi Class	Every Thursday 3:15p.m. – 5:45p.m. 23/11, 7/12, 14/12, 4/1, 11/1, 18/1, 1/2, 22/2	8	\$80each Total \$640
Pipa Class	Every Friday 3:15p.m. – 5:45p.m. 24/11, 8/12, 5/1, 12/1, 19/1, 26/1, 2/2, 23/2	8	\$80each Total \$640

- Students must attend the training on time and are required to attend all of the lessons. There will be no make-up or refund of tuition fees for absent students.
- Students are encouraged to complete the training for the whole academic year. If they withdraw halfway, the tuition fee paid will not be refunded.
- Students who have received full assistance from the SFAA will have their tuition reduced by half; CSSA families can also apply to the Social Welfare Department for funding. (Please see the attachment for the price.)
- In order to encourage students to study hard, special bursaries have been set up. Students who attend classes with 100% attendance and who are recommended by their instructors will receive a half fee refund.
- Students can choose to borrow school musical instruments, buy them independently, or purchase musical instruments through the school (please see the attachment for the price).
- Due to personal hygiene issues, students are advised to buy their own dizi if they want to learn this instrument.

Participating in the Chinese musical instrument classes can allow students to learn more about Chinese culture and also enrich their learning experience. We sincerely hope that your children will actively participate. Please fill in the reply slip and return it to the class teacher on or before 15th November. If the number of applicants exceeds the number of places available, places will be determined by drawing lots. Parents will be notified of admission results by phone. The fee will be charged at the first lesson. If you have any enquiries, please feel free to contact Ms Tam Cheuk Yan.



Mr. Yung Chi Ming (Supervisor)

Ms. Kwok Yuen Ki (Principal)

~Reply Slip~

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The Principal of Kwok Man School,

I have read the School Notice about the Chinese musical instrument training course.

I **agree** to my child participating in any musical instrument training courses in the first term.

Dizi Class  Guzheng Class  Liuqin Class

Erhu Class  Pipa Class  Yangqin Class

He/ she will  Borrow musical instruments from school  Buy by himself/ herself

Bring his/her own musical instrument

Buy musical instruments through the musical instrument tutor.

Receives full assistance from SFAA. Now I will apply for a tuition subsidy from the school.

I **do not agree** to my child participating in any musical instrument training courses in the first term.

\* Please tick the appropriate box,

Name of student : \_\_\_\_\_

Class : \_\_\_\_\_(     )

Parent's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date : \_\_\_\_\_

## Annex

### Tuition subsidy

1. For students who receive full assistance from SFAA, the tuition fee will be halved (\$40 per session)
2. CSSA families can apply to the Social Welfare Department for a subsidy under the "District Youth Development Funding Scheme", and the subsidised students can receive up to \$2000 per year. The training classes will continue to be provided by Jing Yu Music Production, and relevant parties can issue receipts.

### Musical instrument prices

Pipa \$2400

Children size Pipa \$2000

Guzheng (standard) \$3000

Guzheng (short) \$2500

Yangqin \$5800

Dizi \$320

Erhu \$1800

### Musical instrument introduction



The **dizi** is one of the folk bamboo musical instruments in China. The sound of the dizi is crisp and loud, transparent and round. Its expressive power is rich, and solo and ensemble performances are both distinctive, so they are deeply loved.



The **erhu** is one of the main stringed instruments. Its timbre is beautiful, and its performance is diverse. It can play both soft tunes and powerful jumping melodies. The variety of playing skills makes it a widely used solo and accompaniment instrument.



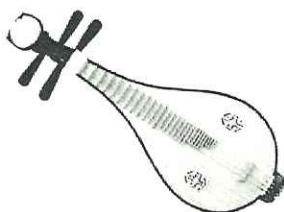
**Pipa** is a traditional East Asian plucked instrument with a history of more than 2,000 years. Pipa has a wide range of sounds, its playing skills are the first among national instrumental music, and its expressive power is the most abundant among folk music.



The **guzheng** is an ancient Chinese plucked stringed instrument with a long history. Its beautiful music, rich performance skills, and strong musical expression are deeply loved by the public.



The **yangqin** is an East Asian national musical instrument that has the characteristics of both a percussion instrument and a stringed instrument. The timbre has distinctive characteristics, with loud volume and a combination of hardness and softness. Its tone is bright and crisp, like big and small beads falling on a jade plate. It has extremely rich expressive power and can be played solo, in ensembles or as accompaniment for Qinshu, rap and opera.



**Liuqin** was originally the main accompaniment instrument for Liuqin Opera in northern Jiangsu and southern Shandong and Sizhou Opera in Anhui. Its pronunciation is loud, powerful and grand. After a long period of development, it has now developed into a solo instrument and is a commonly used high-pitched instrument in ethnic bands.