



Mitchell Elementary School  
205 Bungalow Park  
Tampa, FL 33609

## *HeartStrings* PROGRAM

On behalf of The Henry Mitchell Elementary Foundation, we are requesting your support of our school music program. *HeartStrings* is a committee under the guidance of The Henry Mitchell Foundation that is dedicated to preserve and grow the Mitchell Elementary violin program. *HeartStrings* hopes to continue to enrich the life of each student and to build a lifelong skill in violin.

In 2009, the School District of Hillsborough County cut all funding for elementary violin programs. Through the continued efforts of the *HeartStrings* committee and generous donations from families and the local community, Mitchell remains one of only two Hillsborough County elementary schools that have managed to continue their strings program.

Mitchell Elementary serves 729 students, 28% of who qualify for free and reduced lunch status. Thanks to this valuable program, every student at Mitchell has the opportunity to learn to play the violin under the expert guidance of a dedicated violin teacher. This past year, approximately 300 students participated in Mitchell's strings program. That's almost 50% of last year's student body! This talented group of Mitchell violinists has been showcased throughout the Tampa Bay community and has performed in front of national audiences. Unfortunately, despite the continued interest and participation of a dedicated school community at Mitchell, the strings program is in need of financial help.

We are seeking local corporate sponsors that would help fund the expenses of violin instruction, instruments, repairs, and field trips into the community. By becoming a sponsor, *HeartStrings* will provide your organization with invaluable community recognition and support. The Henry Mitchell Elementary Foundation, Inc., is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation and your donation is tax deductible.

We appreciate your sponsorship consideration for our strings program. Please know that your donation will help to ensure that our strings program continues. Please contact Alison Meyer at 813.787.8046 or [alisongmeyer@verizon.net](mailto:alisongmeyer@verizon.net) for more information.

Very truly yours,

Clay Witherspoon  
The Henry Mitchell Elementary Foundation

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