

# Dulles Orchestra Monthly

## Upcoming Events

Fall Instrument Drive  
Thursday 8/14  
Group: Beginner  
Location: DMS Orch Room  
Time 5:30 to 6:30 PM

SOCIAL MEET AND  
GREET OPEN  
TO ALL ORCHESTRA  
STUDENTS WHEN:  
FRIDAY 8/15  
LOCATION SUGAR  
LAND TOWN SQUARE  
TIME 6:30 TO 7:30PM

## August NEWSLETTER

The Beginner Fall Instrument Drive is a one-time event where students can get their instrument, book, and supplies to be ready for orchestra class.

The Social Meet and Greet is a fun, casual event where orchestra students and families can meet the directors, connect with each other, and learn more about the program. Students may wear their orchestra tee shirts.

## *Orchestra Booster Club*

*We are looking for parent volunteers to help support our orchestra program through the PTO—if you're interested, please sign up and join us!*



## **Marisol Luna**

### **Head Orchestra Director**

Marisol Luna earned her Bachelor of Multidisciplinary Studies in Music from the University of Texas at El Paso. As a public school teacher, she is entering her 13th year in music education. Past orchestral teaching positions have included being the Head Orchestra Director in various school districts across the Greater Houston area, such as Houston, Spring Branch, and Katy ISD.

Ms. Luna served as an orchestra conductor in the Katy ISD summer camp in 2021. She is a member of the Texas Music Educators Association, as well as the Teachers Orchestra Directors Association. Ms. Luna's orchestras have consistently won Sweepstakes at UIL Concert and Sight Reading Contest. She prides herself on coaching her students to be competitive and passionate about music.



## **Phillip Kim**

### **Assistant Orchestra Director**

Phillip Kim earned his Bachelor of Music from Nazareth College in Rochester, New York, where he studied cello under Kathleen Kemp and Mimi Huang. He is entering his eighth year as the Assistant Orchestra Director at Dulles Middle School, where his dedication and leadership have contributed significantly to the continued growth and success of the orchestra program.

In his time before Dulles, Mr. Kim has been instrumental in leading the orchestra to notable achievements. Under his guidance, the program earned their first UIL rating for the first time in over a decade. He is a proud member of the Texas Music Educators Association and is committed to fostering a supportive and competitive environment for all his students.



## **Stephanie Gustafson**

My name is Stephanie Gustafson, and I have been the Dulles Middle School harp specialist for 5 years. Fort Bend ISD is the only district in the state that not only offers harp as an instrument in beginner orchestra, and I feel extremely lucky to get to support the harp students at Dulles MS and HS.

Before coming to Fort Bend ISD, I was the principal harpist with Baton Rouge Symphony Orchestra and had a private studio of over 40 harp students. I was also a young artist with Da Camera, so I performed in museums, parks, and theaters all over the city and incorporated the harp into STEM learning in classes in partnership with HISD. Before moving to Texas, I was the principal harpist with the Annapolis Symphony, and I spent a year in Santiago where I was the principal harpist with Teatro Municipal de Santiago.