



an instrument for every child

**This is how it works:**

**1** In the first year (Grade 1) elementary school children will be introduced to a variety of instruments. The students will receive one hour of music lessons each week during regular school hours.

**2** In the second year (Grade 2) students choose the instrument that they want to play and receive weekly instrumental lessons in as part of the after school program.

**3** The special child-sized instruments will be provided on a free loan basis for the period of three years.

**4** Instrumental instruction continues in Grade 3 and 4 with an introduction to basic ensemble play being added to the program.

**Program Fees**

The program is free of cost for the first year and when there is a need, parental paid fee schedules, which normally commence with year two, will be waived and fully subsidized by HMC.

First year: **FREE**

Second year: \$20/month

Third & fourth year: \$35/month

changing lives through music

An initiative by the Hamilton Music Collective and the Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra



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(AIFEC) is a visionary music project aimed at providing Hamilton's elementary school children with the opportunity to learn to play an instrument.

We believe that **all children** should have access to music education & be given the chance to explore **their own creative potential.**

Through AIFEC, students in grades 1-4 will learn to play a musical instrument and receive general music education during regular school hours.

AIFEC will be launched as a pilot project in Hamilton, Ontario, at King George Elementary School in September 2010.

The longer-term vision for the program is that ALL children in Hamilton will have the opportunity to be part of AIFEC.

“ There is a need in life to plan for the future and draw on our past, but the reality is NOW, today. We need to make today's experiences count, **especially for our children.**

**AIFEC** will do just that in **enriching the lives** of the students it serves. ”

-Glenn Mallory, Former Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction (Music) Hamilton Public School Board

## Music Education has many benefits:

**FUN**      **Leadership Skills**  
**Teamwork**  
**Joy**  
**Self-expression**  
**Motivation**      **Collaboration**  
**Respect**      **Persistence**  
**Fulfillment**      **Engagement**



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