

Fernwaters Charter School is bringing more music to children in the Salmon community. As part of its continuing effort to extend learning to students beyond the 4-day school week, Fernwaters is offering three group music lessons on Friday mornings from 9-12. Classes include beginning piano, intermediate piano, and violin. Fernwaters instructor Eryk Foss, assisted by his two daughters Erykah and Eilah and his mom, retired music teacher Sally Foss, teaches the classes. Students are limited to 10 per session in piano and 15 in violin. Students first grade and up from anywhere in the Salmon community are invited to participate. Currently 30 students are taking the classes. Students range in age from 6 to 14. While most of the students attend Fernwaters, some attend Upper Carmen or Salmon schools. Classroom space is made available through a mutually beneficial lease agreement between the Lemhi County Historical Society and Fernwaters Charter School. Pianos and violins were purchased with Charter School Program grant funds. Parents pay \$10 per lesson, which generates sustainability funds. "Our goal in providing this program was to give rural students in our high poverty region access to specialized musical training and an opportunity to build strong, healthy relationships while developing lifelong skills," said Kristin Foss, Fernwaters superintendent. A few seats are still available for both piano and violin. Anyone interested in enrolling a child should contact Fernwaters Charter School.