

Need guitars for your classroom? Consider this...

Many teachers are asking community leaders to publicize the need for guitars to be donated for students. There are a number of organizations like:

Donate a Guitar-Help a Kid Make Music at www.songbirdsfoundation.org

Guitars not Guns at www.guitarsnotguns.org

Hungry for Music-Transforming Lives with the Gift of Music at www.hungryformusic.org

If your school has a parent organization, they may be interested in becoming involved with something like one of these groups locally.

Many of your students may have a guitar they are no longer using and would be willing to lend to a beginning guitar student. Many of your new students may know someone who has a guitar that they would lend. Effort will be required to assist students in acquiring a guitar.

If you are teaching in a classroom with students, disinfecting guitars is a must. Most leaders in guitar education agree that NOT SHARING is best. However, if you must share check with your school for approved disinfectant wipes and hand sanitizer.

We had a teacher in our district that went to one of the local television stations and went on the 6:00 p.m. news requesting help to find guitars for his students. The next day, Zappos contacted the school and purchased as many guitars needed. It is possible.

The secret is who you ask. Administrators are often the first to say there is no money. And maybe there is not. If that is the case, ask someone else and keep asking until you get what you need. As a professional courtesy, start by asking your administration. That way, when you find a solution elsewhere, you can say you started with the administration and was turned down. Assume your administration will support you.