

My utmost thanks to Mary Hoffman, and Marcia Oates from the William Kelley Alumni Association for their generous donation of four new guitars, three used guitars, and soft shell guitar cases. These guitars are allowing me to teach children in grades 1-6 guitar in the after-school program at William Kelley School in Silver Bay. Before I had these generous donations, I had taught a guitar group using some very old and beat up guitars that were available through the school. Most of the children in my class did not have their own guitar to use, and although they could use the guitars for the class at the school, they could not take them home for practice. Through these generous donations the children who need a guitar can now take the guitar home to practice! I have developed a "sign out" sheet in order to keep track of which student has which guitar. The students are delighted with the guitars and are doing very well in taking care of them, including talking to their parents about how to care for them!

Attached is a picture of most of the guitars that have been donated. Two of the new guitars are not pictured as the students are using them!

- Martha Chateleine, MT-BC

