



# COPPER COUNTRY SUZUKI NEWS

## September 2008

### CALENDAR

- Sept. 8 Lessons Begin**
- Sept. 17 Group classes begin
- Sept. 23 Barkell Elementary School Open House Performance, 5:30 p.m.
- Sept. 24 MTU Preschool performances – 8:45 a.m. and 12:45 p.m.
- Sept. 25 Houghton Elementary Open House Performance, 6:30 p.m.  
Calumet Elementary School Open House Performance, 6:30 p.m.  
MTU Preschool performances – 9:15 a.m. and 12:45 p.m.
- Sept. 30 Barkell Elementary In-School Performance, 9:30 a.m.

### CCSA News

I can't believe the fall is here already! It seems like I was just planting lettuce in my garden and now I'm harvesting tomatoes. I would like to welcome everyone to the 2008 CCSA Fall term and extend a special welcome to students who are new to the CCSA. If you have any questions or concerns during the first few weeks of lessons, please don't hesitate to call the CCSA office at 487-3606. I hope that everyone had a restful and wonderful summer and that all of you are back and ready to work! I know that some of you may have put your instruments away for a bit and I'm sure you are excited about getting "reacquainted".

We have several performances coming up and I am encouraging as many of you as possible to take part. Returning CCSA students should plan on signing up for at least one of these events. We will be performing this month in the Calumet, Houghton and Hancock schools and at MTU preschool. If you attend one of these schools please plan on performing at your school. The dress for these outside performances is a Suzuki shirt and dark pants or skirts. If you do not have a shirt that fits, please ask your private instructor for a new one. Also, if you have a clean, unblemished Suzuki shirt at home that no longer fits your child, please return it to your private instructor. Thanks!

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- **A Big welcome to our new violin instructor Wendy Larson.** Wendy will be commuting from her home in Negaunee on Tuesdays and Wednesdays to teach private lessons and group classes. She is a wonderful violinist and teacher and will be a great addition to the CCSA! I hope you will all join me in making her feel at home here in the Copper Country.
- **Fundraising News** – Our current fall flower bulb fundraiser is underway. Families interested in participating in this fundraiser can request a packet from their private instructor. While fundraising is optional, I encourage as many of you to participate as possible. **Remember that 25% of everything you sell will be deducted from your tuition bill.**
- **The 2008-09 CCSA Calendar is now available!** You can get one from your private instructor or by visiting the website. Please make note of the many performances we have coming up. Sharing our talents with others is a big part of what the CCSA is all about. We have several in-school presentations and we are going to be performing at a few of the area nursing homes throughout the year. Please consider signing up for one of these nursing home visits. They don't require that much time and it will really help to brighten an older person's day!
- **Frigg is coming!** Frigg, a group of amazing musicians from Finland will be presenting a workshop on October 18<sup>th</sup> from 1:30-4:00 p.m. at the Finnish American Heritage Center. There will also be a concert that evening at the Calumet Theater at 7:30 p.m. The CCSA will cover the \$15 workshop fee for any CCSA students that would like to attend. You need to sign up with your private instructor no later than **Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>** in order to take advantage of this. Frigg will be offering workshops on fiddle, mandolin, bass (cello) and guitar. Don't miss this opportunity to work with these incredible musicians.
- **The fall flu season will soon be upon us.** I would like to remind everyone that many of our teachers have young children at home and would prefer to keep them healthy. **If your child is sick, please do not bring them to the lesson.** We understand that lessons are expensive, but it has been my experience that there is little benefit from bringing a sick child to a lesson. If you have questions or are not sure about whether to bring your child to the lesson, please call your private instructor.