



COPPER COUNTRY SUZUKI NEWS

April/May 2009

CALENDAR

- Apr. 18 KSO concert with the Concert Choir
- Apr. 26 **Second Annual CCSA Family Talent Show, Chapel of St. Matthew, 2:00 p.m.**
- May 3 **Finlandia University Commencement Ceremony Performance, Paavo Nurmi Gym, 2:00 p.m.**
- Senior Recital presented by Emma Dlutkowski, The Bluffs Senior Residence, 3:00 p.m.**
- May 6 **Advanced Student Recital, The Bluffs Senior Residence, 6:30 p.m.**
- May 15 Rehearsal for Spring Recital - McArdle Theater, 4:30 p.m.
- LAST DAY OF LESSONS – Have a Great Summer!**
- May 17 **Spring Recital – McArdle Theater, 2:00 p.m.**

CCSA News

As summer approaches and the school year winds down sometimes it's difficult to motivate your children to practice. As we know this can be frustrating for everyone involved (parent, child and teacher). Sometimes it's good to just take a step back and see the world from their perspective. They may be feeling overwhelmed with school, sports and all the things they have going on right now. They may be bored with their routine. Try some new things to spice up practice; it's easy to get into a rut. Here are some suggestions:

Vary practice location, play for stuffed animals, reward good practice (*never* use practice as a punishment), break up practice with somersaults or jumping jacks, Do something unexpected! play on one foot, than the other, flip the bow upside down, have the child teach you how to hold the bow (the violin, etc.), roll dice for the number of times they play a song, make up a new twinkle variation, compose a song on their instrument, try to figure out a song that they like on their instrument (happy birthday or row row row your boat), make up a game and most of all have fun!
-Happy music making!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

➤ **CCSA POLICY CHANGES:** The Board has made a few changes to the CCSA Policies and Procedures. These changes will be reflected in the registration packet that you will receive in May. The first is that we will now be requiring a \$75.00 deposit with your registration form. This deposit will be applied to the fall tuition and is refundable until the first week of classes. We have also made some changes to our policy regarding scholarships. The new policy will read: Students receiving scholarship assistance must attend all lessons and group class for which they are registered. Excessive absences may result in the termination of a student's scholarship award and will negatively affect consideration for future scholarships. **Students receiving scholarships who miss more than two lessons during a single term without contacting their instructor in advance will lose their scholarship award.**

➤ Our last fundraiser this year will be selling Fun Cards. These cards cost \$10.00 each and are good for discounts on goods and services at local businesses in the Copper Country. Families who participate in this fundraiser will receive 25% of every card they sell. To receive this credit you need to sell a minimum of 5 fun cards. **We encourage each family to sell 10 Fun Cards.** The Fun Card sale is our biggest fundraiser during the year, please consider taking part. A big thank you to Karen Crist and Maria Bergstrom for organizing this fundraiser!

➤ I have some post cards pre-addressed to Gov. Granholm for the purpose of telling her how we feel about arts funding cuts. Please take a post card (or two) and let our Governor know how important the arts are to our community. It only takes a minute or two (and a stamp).to make your voice heard!

➤ **Spring performances:** Please mark your calendars. The second annual talent show will take place on April 26 at the Chapel of St. Matthew at 2:00. This is a great opportunity to get parents and siblings involved in a CCSA performance. Please sign up with your private instructor. Our 2009 spring recital will take place on May 17. It's very important that everyone attends the Friday rehearsal. Please let your private instructor know if you cannot be there.