



# COPPER COUNTRY SUZUKI NEWS

## October 2009

### CALENDAR

- Sept. 29 Barkell Elementary School Open House, 5:30 p.m.
- Oct. 1 Board Meeting – Chapel of St. Matthew, 7:30 p.m.  
Houghton Elementary Open House, 6:30 p.m.
- Oct. 5 Group classes and Parent Classes begin
- Oct. 7 KYSO and Reading Orchestra rehearsals begin
- Oct. 17 KSO Concert, Rozsa Center, 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 20 Musical Tuesdays at Portage Lake District Library, 10:15 a.m.
- Oct. 23 Recital rehearsal with accompanist – Finlandia University, 4:00 p.m.
- Oct. 28 Eighth Annual Halloween Recital – The Bluffs, 6:30 p.m. Costumes Encouraged!**

### Your Child's Self Esteem

One goal of the The Suzuki method is to build a child's self-esteem. Self-esteem can be described as an individual's overall judgment of his or herself. Children with high self-esteem believe that they are capable and have the ability to develop competence in tasks. These children are able to handle mistakes and have the confidence to move toward goals even when they suffer setbacks. A Key factor in building self-esteem is giving a child unconditional love. Here are some other ways to build a child's self-esteem:

- ◆ Give your child a period of undivided attention each day.
- ◆ Listen carefully to what your child is saying.
- ◆ Make sure that your child has responsibilities that are age appropriate.
- ◆ Set rules so that your child will know what is expected.
- ◆ Don't do for your child what she can do without your help.
- ◆ Avoid criticizing and comparing your child to others. Celebrate your child's uniqueness.
- ◆ Use praise often and in a meaningful way. Praise how well they do something rather than their intelligence, beauty.
- ◆ Build your own self-esteem so that your child will perceive you as a self-confident person. Parents with high self-esteem tend to have children with high self-esteem

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- **KYSO begins October 7<sup>th</sup>.** If you know of a woodwind, brass or percussion student between the ages of 12 and 18, please encourage them to audition. Auditions can be scheduled by calling the Suzuki office. Rehearsals will take place on Wednesdays from 4:30-6:00 at the Finnish American Heritage Center and run from October through February. The cost is \$75.00 for the year.
- **Group Classes and Parent Classes begin the first week of October.** Please ask your private instructor which group class or orchestra your child should attend. I encourage every student to take part in one of these classes. Group lessons and ensemble playing are at the core of the Suzuki approach and add to the enjoyment of playing an instrument. We will be offering two parent classes. The parent classes will be held on Tuesdays beginning October 6<sup>th</sup> at the Chapel of St. Matthew. The Beginning parent class is from 6:45 to 7:30 and the continuing class is from 7:30-8:00. **Parent classes are free to parents of children enrolled private lessons.** If you need to rent a violin, you can do so at our usual rate of \$29.00 per term.
- **Bulb Sale Fundraiser** – Hopefully by now you have received a fundraising packet. Fundraisers allow us to maintain our fees and provide scholarships. Families who participate in our fundraisers will have their tuition bill credited for 25% of everything they sell. **I'd like to remind you that the CCSA only holds two fundraisers per year (our fall bulb sale and the spring Fun Card Sale). Please consider helping us achieve our mission of make music lessons available and affordable to people of the Copper Country. Thanks!**
- **Upcoming Performances!** We will be performing at both the Houghton and Hancock Elementary school open houses (please see the calendar). Please plan on attending the open house of your school. Dress for our community performances is a Suzuki shirt and dark pants or skirts. No tennis shoes or jeans please!
- **SAVE YOUR ECONO RECEIPTS.** One very simple way to help with our fundraising efforts is to save your Econo Foods receipts. Econo Foods will donate 1% of all sales (excluding tax and gasoline) for receipts that are turned in. All you need to do is save your Econo receipts and give them to your private instructor.