

COPPER COUNTRY SUZUKI NEWS

November/December 2011

CALENDAR

- Nov. 3 CCSA Board meeting – Chapel of St. Matthew, 7:15 p.m.
- Nov. 15 Term 2 Begins
- Nov. 19-27 No Lessons – Thanksgiving Break**
- Dec. 1 CCSA Board meeting – Chapel of St. Matthew, 7:15 p.m.
- Dec. 2 Recital Rehearsal, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Finnish American Heritage Center
- Dec. 3 Poor Artists Sale Performance – Calumet School Gymnasium, 1:00 p.m.**
- Dec. 7 Holiday Recital, Finnish American Heritage Center, 6:00 p.m.**
- Dec. 13 -Jan. 1 No Lessons – Winter Break**

Why Music Education?

Having just completed our annual MCACA grant application and having (once again!) to validate the importance of arts funding and arts education has caused me to contemplate why so often we need to justify something that we know is a component to a well-rounded education. Here are some thoughts about the value of music education:

- Music contributes to the quality of life
- Music makes the day more alive and interesting, which in turn leads to more learning
- Music combines behaviors to promote a higher order of thinking skills
- Music enriches life, it is way to understand our cultural heritage as well as other past and present cultures
- Music education provides for perceptual motor development
- Music encourages teamwork and cohesiveness
- Music education fosters creativity and individuality
- Music is a therapeutic outlet
- It helps students realize that not every aspect is quantifiable and that it is important to cope with the subjective

Happy music making!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- **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 and 5 cents for every Our Family product label.** All you need to do is save your Econo receipts and Our Family labels and give them to your private instructor.
- Believe it or not, the Holidays are just around the corner! During the next few months we have several performances scheduled. Our annual performance at the Poor Artists Sale will take place on Saturday, December 3rd from 1:00-1:45. Please remember that the dress for our community performances is a Suzuki shirt and dark pants or skirts. Our Holiday Recital will take place at the Finnish American Heritage Center on Wednesday, December 7th at 6:00 p.m. Please bring a treat to share. There is a mandatory rehearsal on December 2nd at 4:30 also at the Finnish American Heritage Center
- **Group Classes/Reading Orchestra –** Taking part in a group class or orchestra is a very important part of your child's musical education. Group classes and orchestra participation teach cooperation, ensemble skills, technique and are just plain fun! If your child should be in a group class and cannot attend because of a scheduling conflict please let your private instructor know and we may be able to accommodate you.
- **Great performances last month!** The CCSA had several performances in the month of September and October. I have heard many, many positive comments from community members. The attendees at the Little Brothers Halloween party were exceptionally appreciative. You really helped brighten their day. Thanks for everyone who took part!
- **Parent Suzuki Shirts are now available!** New this year, are Suzuki shirts for parents. The shirts are same color and design as the Suzuki student shirts but have "Suzuki Mom" or Suzuki Dad" on the back. You can wear them to our community performances to show your "Suzuki Pride". The shirts are \$15.00 each and can be purchased from your private instructor.