

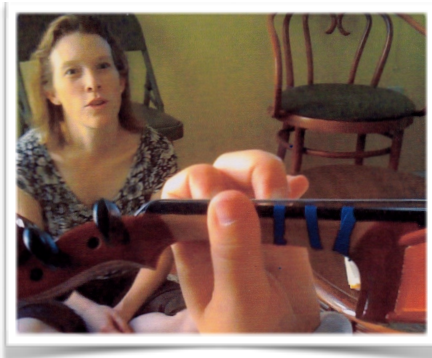
WDSS NOTES

WDSS, a Growing Musical Community

Parents Chats

During September and October, Mrs B will be leading 2 Parent Chats for the Green group classes and 2 for the Blue Group classes which will take place during your group class time.

Topics : The Suzuki Triangle, finding practice time, and super creative and fun ways to practice! Click [here](#) for details and [here](#) to sign up



The Suzuki method requires a major contribution from a parent and a home environment that wholeheartedly embraces the child's music-making.

Growing Musical Community

Welcome to the *Fall Semester!*

The eagle eyed among you may have noticed our sign by the door as you enter St. James for lessons, group classes, or recitals, which reads “WDSS: Growing Musical Community.” I have always thought of that subtitle as referring to what we do in the community at large- bringing people together to study, share, and connect through music. As we embark on our fall semester though, it’s an exciting time where not only are we growing the musical community in west Denver, our own musical community within WDSS is also growing!



As Sandy Miller (cello) officially joins our faculty this fall, we now have seven teachers, eleven different group classes, and nearly 100 students involved in our programs. You’ll be able to see and celebrate this growth with us at our solo recitals (11/11) and group class recital (12/6) this semester- I look forward to seeing you there! Wishing everyone a wonderful start to the fall semester, and welcome back to WDSS!

Mr Zach

WDSS Dates to Remember



Oct 30- Nov 4 Solo Recital Piano Rehearsals

You will be scheduled by your private teacher.

November 11 Solo Recitals

10:30, 12:015 2:00, 3:45

Sign up for your recital time with your private teacher.

Deadline Oct. 28

December 6th Group Class Concert

Call time 4:30

Concert 5:00

February 24 9:00- 2:30

Primavera Place Winter Workshop

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Look for the details and sign up opportunity coming your way by email.

Print WDSS 2023-2024 Calendar

here



Ren Umetani Reports on WDSS July Violin Camp



Violin camp is fun, because you get to play with people who are a higher level or a lower level than you. You get to learn stuff that you haven't learned already. Violin camp is more fun than staying home and watching TV.

*What did the cello say to the violin?
I'm deeper than you.*

LOL Good one Ren, thanks!

Top Three Expectations of Parents

by WDSS teacher Autumn Pepper

Be quick communicators. (when they have questions, schedule issues, etc)

Be open about practice and commitment. (sharing when practice goes well or doesn't, letting me know if interest wanes, etc)

Know that we're a team and it's the child's well-being that's most important.



'Musical ability is not an inborn talent but an ability which can be developed.'

Shin'ichi Suzuki

A Practice Idea From Robert O'Hayre

by Lisa Wong

Tonight Robert was playing with a straw and pretending it was a magic wand. I needed him to start practicing violin. Rather than telling him to stop playing with the straw, I



simply incorporated it into his violin, and we invented a game.

He then practiced for an hour with the highest violin I had ever seen from him.

Purpose:

Keep violin high and parallel to floor.

Materials:

Straw (flexible works best)

Painters tape

Rubber band

Chairs

Stuffed animals

- Place straw at scroll, secure with rubber band and tape.
- Keep straw laser aimed at the stuffed “bad guy” (who is trying to climb over to eat the “good” stuffed animals).
- Avoid lasering your “good” stuffed animals.
- Bad bow hand, wrist, and violin hand will make the “bad guy” get closer to animals.

Bravo Robert! Bravo Lisa!



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Comes with bow, case, shoulder rest and a complete set of strings.

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