

Brant Suzuki String School Newsletter

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Newsletter 3

Spring is in the air

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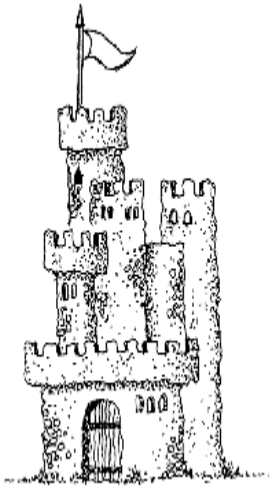
Our school year is almost half over already. Time flies when we are making music together. This is our short newsletter to keep everyone informed of dates, and times of upcoming events. This is also a good time to start thinking about summer institutes. Brochures are starting to come in. Most should be available on-line. Please ask your teacher about this wonderful experience for your children. Information about the Kiwanis Music Festival and Spring Exams are included in this newsletter. Be sure to check our web site regularly.

Third Solo Recital - April 4, 2009

Our 3rd and final solo recital will be held on April 4th at 2:00 in the auditorium at Wesley United Church. All students that have not performed in either the October or January recitals should let your teacher know, and prepare a piece. If you are playing a piece not in the Suzuki repertoire, please provide Mrs. Welbanks with the music as soon as possible. All participating students are asked to bring a dozen treats to share after the performance. Please keep in mind our students with peanut allergies when considering what to bring. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ 3rd Solo Recital
- ◆ Kiwanis Music Festival
- ◆ Spring Concert



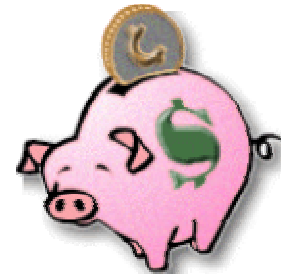
New Location

Our hunt for a new location continues. No final location has been decided upon but several places are being considered. We will hopefully let everyone know before the final concert where we will be next fall.

If anyone has a suggestion please do not hesitate to let me know.

Fourth Term Payments

The Fourth term payments will be deposited on March 31st. A \$20.00 service fee will be added to N.S.F. Cheques.



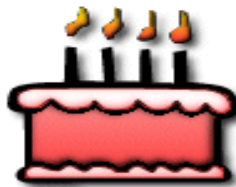
Parents need to fill a child's bucket of self-esteem so high that the rest of the world can't poke enough holes in it to drain it dry.

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20th Anniversary Jute Bags

The Brant Suzuki String School is celebrating its' 20th Anniversary this year. Our **Jute Shopping Bags** have been selling well. We are down to about 120 bags from our original 500. They are very suitable for carrying groceries, music or any other articles. If you have not got yours yet or know of someone who could use one please let me know. There are some down at the church in the cupboard. Please ask your friends and neighbours.

Twinkle Graduation Party



On May 28th we will hold our annual Twinkle Graduation Group Class. All students currently in the "Twinkle Group" and those who have graduated throughout the year are welcomed to attend. Cake and drinks will be provided.

Kiwanis Music Festival - April 20 - 25th

The String section of the Kiwanis Music Festival will be held April 20th - 25th at 1st Baptist Church. Rehearsals with our accompanist Mrs. Welbanks can be arranged by contacting her directly at **519-758-1965. (81 Elm St.)** Her fee schedule is attached. She gets very busy at festival time so be sure to call early if you wish to use her services. She will be rehearsing on April 9th and 16th from 4-8pm for students in Classes up to and including Book 3. (10 minute intervals) Be sure to have **original music** to give the adjudicator and the accompanist. Anyone with a photocopy will not be allowed to play. Mrs. Welbanks does not have any music except the Suzuki Books. All other music must be supplied to her in original form. **She can be contacted this year by e-mail to set up rehearsal times. klavikord@msn.com**



Little String Orchestra

Congratulations to everyone for the wonderful performance last Sunday at the Sanderson Centre. The Little String Orchestras will perform at the Kiwanis Music Festival on **Friday evening April 24th at 7:00 PM.** The Junior and Senior Little String Orchestra will perform school concerts on **May 1st** at Ryerson Heights School, Central School and St. Jean Brebeuf Schools. The Spring Concert will be **May 7th** at New Covenant Church. Everyone is welcomed to attend. Your child may join the orchestra next fall if he/she is beginning Book 2 Suzuki level.

Group Class reminders

Remember to check the schedule for group class dates. The March Break and Little String Orchestra Spring Concert throw out the usual 2 week schedule. If in doubt, check our web site calendar. If you are planning a graduation and your accompanist is Mrs. Welbanks please note that she is working with Festival students on April 9th and 16th and will not be available for group classes. The senior "Paganini" group class will be performing on **March 28th** for the Brantford Symphony Gala Dinner from 6:00 - 7:30 at the Best Western on Holiday Drive. They will also perform at the Juravinski Cancer Clinic in Hamilton in June. The final date has not been determined yet. Group classes continue until our Spring Concert on **June 11th** at New Covenant Church.

Royal Conservatory Exams

If you are trying a Royal Conservatory practical or theory exam in June, the application deadline is **March 3rd**. Please let Mrs. Welbanks know if you are going to use her as an accompanist.

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