

February 2009

# Bemidji Music Studio

## Noteworthy News

### Can you be kind?

"Celebrate Kindness" week is fast approaching. Many of our schools will be celebrating kindness during the week of February 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>. Not only are students being asked to become involved, the entire community is encouraged to participate as well. Therefore, Bemidji Music Studio would like to "Celebrate Kindness" by offering some extra incentives during this week. During your child's lesson the week of February 9<sup>th</sup>, their teacher will ask them if they have done something kind that day. If they have, and they can tell their teacher what they've done, they will receive an extra stamp in the back of their practice book.

Be a Kind Hero yourself by trying one of these kindness ideas:

- Make a special card and hand deliver it to your neighbor
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- Bake some goodies and pass them on to your bus driver or janitor
- Tell someone something nice about themselves
- Make an effort to perform some of the songs you've been practicing for someone who enjoys music. (This may be an elderly neighbor, or just your mom & dad!)

*"Wherever there is a human being, there is a chance for kindness." – Seneca*

→ DON'T FORGET!

**Our February group class is scheduled for Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup>.**

Our March Festival Recital will be held on Saturday, March 21st at the Covenant Church (located West of Bemidji on Hwy 2 across from the Amigo Theater.) The recital will begin at 3pm, and students should plan to be there by 2:40. Because this is a group recital, string students are asked to wear black or navy colored pants or skirts and a white or light colored top. If you have any questions about this, please feel free to ask your teacher. (This will be discussed at our February group class.) Piano students should dress nicely, as they would for any other recital. The format for the String portion of this recital, will be to start with the most advanced songs and students, and add easier songs and students as we go. By the last songs (Twinkle Variations & A String Concerto) all of the students will be on stage playing together. Students will receive the list of songs being performed at their February group class, and can discuss with their teacher which songs they will be playing. Our March group class (scheduled for March 19th) will be held at the Covenant Church and will be our rehearsal for that recital. Your group time may be different for that day-due to the rehearsal aspect of this day, and will be given to you at your February group class. All students performing with us at the Festival Recital must attend rehearsal on March 19th. If you have any questions about this recital, please feel free to contact Ashley at 333-0706 or bemidjimusicstudio@yahoo.com

### Practice Tip of the Month

When you are practicing a "magic spot" or a song, don't quit when you get it correct 1 time...do it 3 more times!

If you really want to make it permanent, you should strive to do it correctly THREE TIMES IN A ROW!!

Once can be accidental, twice can be coincidental, but three times is mastery!!!

### 100 Day Club

All students received their 100 Day Club practicing charts in January.

**As of February 2<sup>nd</sup>, there are 19 days left to practice to join the 100 Day Club this year. There are 89 days left to practice to achieve your 100 Day Club status by our Spring Recital dates at the beginning of May.**

Continue to encourage your