

# Oak Valley Music Academy

## January 2012 Newsletter

### RECITAL !

January has arrived and that means the recital is just around the corner on January 22nd.

Teachers are teaming up and here are the approximate times:

- 2:00 Adults (all)  
2:45 Terrie Newell &  
Julie Smith  
3:20 Gretchen Arnott &  
Willi Rose  
4:25 Ian Smith, Billy Lindsey  
& David Ocasio  
5:30 Patrick Jones &  
Jessica McKee

### OAK VALLEY CHURCH

is located at 9580 Calimesa Blvd.  
in Calimesa



### REGISTRATION UPDATE

If you haven't updated your registration, please do that today! Check with Vanessa if you don't see the updated registration forms. Make sure your address, phone and birthdate is all correct. A few people missed their specially made birthday cards because we didn't have the date or because the address was outdated.

### OPEN STUDIO HOURS

Back to normal! Yea! We will be open on Monday, January 16th (Martin Luther King Day).

### A NOTE FROM WILLI ROSE

Here we are: Past, Present and Future facing us with the beginning of 2012. It's a little scary with the Mayan Calendar ending this year, but they had to stop somewhere, didn't they?

The past has been building a music facility to accommodate parents with an outlet for their children to learn music. Music has been disappearing from the public school system and we need music in our lives!

More and more scientific studies have shown that learning music can make you smarter and keep Alzheimer's at bay for the older folks. It's true, especially with piano. When students start left brain/right brain songs, it's easy to recognize the connection between the two sides of the brain. Action between the hands is more difficult and eyes cross. Answer: take it very slow.

Practice is the only thing that can make it work. Without practice, it's the same lesson every week. (Your teacher knows). Practice as much as it takes to make the piece easy with counting and note changes correct. By time you get to your lesson, you're excited and ready to go! The more practice, the more fun! True. Try it!

So the lessons are very important. It's also important that you show up for every lesson on time and pay at the beginning of the month. Don't forget "trickle-down economics." This is a business and we pay bills just as you do. Teachers pay bills and buy food for their families. So, when you (and it happened several times in December 2011) say you want to take the month off for whatever reason and don't make your payment, we can't pay the bills. It hurts everyone and especially the student. Do you take a month off from a car payment? You'd lose the car! With us, you lose your time on the schedule.

Music must be practiced and corrected by a professional on a regular basis or your hand and brain muscles memorize the wrong thing. Then you have to un-do everything and learn it right. That's right! More work!

More...



A good New Years' Resolution is to make a commitment to music learning and take the responsibility to make sure your child practices. Don't expect them to do it on their own. They'll love you for it later! I thank my parents often...Happy New Year and Thank You for being part of Oak Valley Music Academy...Willi Rose



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