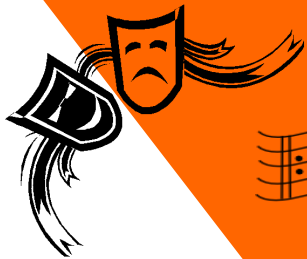


The Spotlight

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Important Dates

Oct 25 - Oct 31 - Costume Dress Up Week! Wear a costume to class. (Please no scary costumes.)

Oct 25 - 31 - Treasure Box Week! Bring your music bucks.

Nov 21 - Monday students will have lessons.

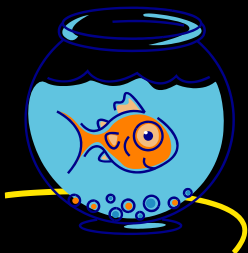
Nov. 22-25 - Thanksgiving Break (no classes)

Dec. 12-16—Jingle Bell Jam!



Kid's Place

And the winner of the *Name the Fish* contest is...



Mr. Jones, say hello to Jimi Findrix!

Mrs. Bishop's Practice Tips

One of the questions I hear most often from parents is, "How do I make my child practice?" The answer is actually quite simple, "You don't." I have been teaching for over 30 years, and during that time I have developed an approach and philosophy that creates great practicers!

The goal is to have all of our students become self-motivated at practicing. We want them to LOVE playing their instrument! We never want it to be a chore.

Here's how it works. Each week students will bring home a "Practice Sheet." We ask them to play each song 3 times a day (2 times for EZ students.) That's it. It usually takes 5 minutes or less. The goal is they get used to playing everyday. As their songs become more challenging it will take a little longer.

So, how can you help as a parent? Many ways.

1. Give your child a gentle "practice reminder" each day.
2. Check off (or place a sticker or smiley face) on their practice sheet each day they do practice.
3. Sign and return their practice sheet so they can receive an extra music buck.
4. Ask to hear their songs and encourage them when they play.

Working together, we can create an environment that will encourage practice and help your child develop a life long love of music and their instrument!

Shop 'till you Drop!

In honor of our music buck makeover, this month's Treasure Box week will be our



official, "Shop 'till you drop week" All music bucks should be spent on great prizes or fun music items at the store.

Music Buck Makeover

Attention all music buck collectors! This month music bucks are getting a make over!

Want to have a say in our new music buck look? Visit Ms. Taryn's desk and choose from four designs. Cast your vote today! New music bucks will be presented the week of Treasure Box, October 25 - 31.

Costume Dress Up Week

Tuesday, October 25 - Monday, October 31 is costume dress up week! Please keep in mind, no scary costumes (Ms. Taryn gets scared easily!)





In the Spotlight



In the Spotlight this month is Mr. Jesse Cannon II. We welcome Mr. Jesse to our musical family with open arms and ears as his beautiful voice fills the hallways of our studio.

A talented vocalist and pianist, Mr. Jesse has taught many students in the areas of gospel, pop/R&B and classical music.

Jesse is in his Senior year at Dallas Baptist University studying Music Education. He teaches voice and piano in a fun, upbeat atmosphere. His students love his energy and passion for teaching and music.

Mr. Jesse believes music is a universal language that breaks through physical, mental and emotional barriers. He is an advocate of music education for all and hopes every child has the opportunity to receive an education in the arts.



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October Birthdays!

Claire B	Aileen L
Sadie B	Eric L
Bryce B	Anne M
Calvin C	Kameryn M
Natalie D	Mikayla M
Hannah F	Maya M
Becky G	Blake M
Marissa H	Lydia P
Bobby H	Connell S
Colby J	Ford S
Keelie J	Kennedy W
Sean K	

Shining Stars! ★★☆☆

A hearty "well done" to the students who performed at last month's Style Show and Expo put on by the Women's Division of the Chamber of Commerce. Abigail S kicked off our performance with the crowd pleasing "Don't Stop Believing" and the sweetly sung "In My Own Little Corner" from Rogers and Hammerstein's Cinderella. Alex V was up next with a stirring rendition of "Axel F," the theme from Beverly Hills Cop. Brandon R followed playing a perfectly mashed-up version of "Linus and Lucy," from Charlie Brown and "Jump!", by Van Halen. Haley Y presented a swashbuckling medley from "Pirates of the Caribbean," and Katie B delivered Disney magic, performing "God Help the Outcasts" and "I See the Light," from The Hunchback of Notre Dame and Tangled, respectively.

Everyone did a fantastic job and we are sure to see more great performances from them in the future. Check out their interviews with our Broadcast Kid, Ashie, on our YouTube channel. Click on the logo below!



Picture That!

Thank you, Cathryn for bringing this beautiful pastoral landscape to brighten Ms. Ross' day (and the halls of the Music Place)! This masterpiece is now housed in a private collection, but don't worry, we love getting student art and display it proudly year-round!

