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SUMMER BRAIN IS REAL! TAKE ADVANTAGE!

Summer is not far away and you're probably debating how this summer will unfold with the kid's camps, summer and lessons. It is important for students of all ages to enjoy their summer vacations. They have earned them. It's also important that parents keep in perspective that children learn differently during the school year then they do during the summer break and its beneficial in their progress during the summer to continue with summer lessons.



SUMMER VACATION! NO SCHOOL, NO HOMEWORK, NO TESTS AND ALL THE FRIENDS AND FREE TIME YOUR CHILD CAN HANDLE!

Your child is probably looking forward to the stress-free environment that summer has to offer, and that is completely understandable. School brings with it a certain amount of pressure – your child's lessons should never be looked at as a major stressor. In fact, their lessons should be viewed as the exact opposite. This is the beauty summer time brings naturally to all our studio children. When school is out, the stress, the on the go...its all different. Learning during the summer can be easier because it's a time of freedom, a time for the structure format to be more about them and not about the classroom structure. So, continuing your lessons during the summer allows your child's mind to learn in a different way. A more stress-free beneficial way and it really can be a summer of big growth and change for them.

WHY CONTINUE DURING THE SUMMER?

If you really stop to reflect on this past school year, you'll begin to realize just how far your child has come regarding their education. However, learning isn't confined within the school year or environment. Knowledge is received every moment of every day. Cultivating a love of music or dance and developing these skills is also something that doesn't end with the school year. It stays with you wherever you go, wherever you are. And, without continued participation in lessons, practicing, and ensembles, you can lose some of the new skills achieved during the year. Therefore, keeping up with music lessons during the summer is so important. It is a great opportunity to progress during a stress free season, the summer.

Sharpening and Sustaining Skills. In school, children undergo important testing, usually weekly. This testing is to ensure that they can immediately recall the information they've learned over the course of the past week. Quarterly testing is to ensure they have mastered lessons over the last 3 months, and so on. Music and dance are no different. In order to keep the skills sharp that they have worked so hard to master over the course of the entire school year, they must exercise their knowledge on a regular basis. It must be in constant use – being able to recall past lessons while still experiencing growth and development.

No Pressure. Let us know your summer travels and we will work with you. Summer vacation is known for being a time of care-free fun and excitement, and we agree! We will take part in your child's expectations of having a great summer. While the value of each lesson remains the same, the atmosphere and structure of our lessons reflect the summer "vibe" keeping students happy and excited to come back!



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

John W.



John W. is a 2nd grader at Sunset Palms Elementary who is 8 years old and a South Florida Native. His father plays guitar and both parents are big music lovers taking John to great concerts at a very young age such as Gipsy Kings and U2. They wanted to give him the opportunity to take lessons at a young age and decided to enroll him for private lessons. He started Piano at age 4 and Violin at age 5. John started taking lessons at another location and then heard about our studio and switched. He takes lessons with Mr. Edgar for Piano. John's parents credit Mr. Edgar for his amazing gift of being able to refine John's skills and help him focus on both proper technique and playing in such a short period of time. Ms. Julia, a Violin instructor at the studio also works with John. She helps challenge John to learn longer pieces and scales. John always rented his violins until recently. He just received his very own new violin and for the first time is able to pick it up and play with out the training markings on it.

John loves to make up his own songs. He practices 5 days a week for 30 minutes each day. He is not a fan of the theory homework and sometimes practicing but he knows what an impact it makes in his life and how it makes him feel in his heart which he describes as "happy." He actually is shy and it is hard for his parents to get him to "show off" in front of others when asked. John does a great job performing on stage when asked for recital settings. John has a dream to be famous with his music one day, along with having a dream to be a surgeon and an engineer. He has had a passion for the circulatory system and has been drawing it out on paper since age 4. Johns parents credit music in his life for being inspired academically. An advanced student in school from a young age, they feel confident that music has allowed him to be more well rounded, learn differently and focus.

An amazing accomplishment that recently happened for John, was the 2018-2019 PTA reflection music composition contest that he won an award for his age group at Sunset Palms Elementary. The theme was Heroes Around Us and John composed, played, and sang his work titled "Police." His piece was submitted to the Florida state PTA contest and results have not yet been announced.



STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Ms. Julianne, Violin



Ms. Julianne started lessons at age 3 1/2. Encouraged by her mother on the Suzuki method which holds a mindset of immersing children in music at a young age. Suzuki art is used by listening and repetition. Julianne and her two older siblings all started lessons. Ms. Julianne took weekly lessons and like every child, she had times where she did not always want to go but the support, patience and encouragement of her mother ended up 13 years in lessons. In addition to her lessons, she became part of the Patel Conservatory's Youth Orchestra. It was around age 17 that Ms. Julianne realized that her true passion was violin. At this age, it all came together and she also realized how the instrument clicked as a way to voice her emotions. She received a scholarship to Berklee, and planned to attend for Music Therapy. Ms. Julianne took time off for traveling which she loves to do. She became involved in studio recording and played along side the Florida Orchestra. Ms. Julianne is in a five piece band that plays for large special events and weddings. She continues traveling often for solo gigs and loves to combine her work and passion as a Violinist. One of her highlight accomplishments would be featured on JMRs latest album which is one of her personal favorite albums. As a teacher, Ms. Julianne said, "Music is something that is so universally loved. It connects people and I love helping others be a part of that. I also believe that our brains benefit immensely from learning any instrument and it benefits us forever." Ms. Julianne loves getting to know what makes her students tick. What encourages them, what holds their interest, what inspires them. She loves to see them grow in their own way and takes such pride in being a part of each of their lives. You can see it in how she lights up at the studio and around her students. On her free time, she loves the ocean, to paint, enjoys illustration and graphic work and has a passion for interior design. She has two furry rescue children, one dog and one cat. You can find her on youtube with her brother doing fun pop covers on the violin and cello, called FourFifths. Words of wisdom from our staff spotlight, Ms. Julianne...

"Don't Quit! Music is something you can grow old with, it is easy to get discouraged or become tired but you never know how you may be able to use it in your life."

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AWESOME CAMP FOR AWESOME KIDS Summer 2019

General Camp and Specialty Camp, the performance of Frozen, JR!

Our summer camp is like no other in town. Your child will make forever friendships whether they are just starting their creativity and interest in the performing arts or have been doing this for a while. All campers of all levels develop new skills while having fun, exploring and learning. Our staff and studio take pride each week in our campers! As a boutique summer camp we provide small groups and a one on one approach while growing as a camp family. Summer camps include music, dance drama and instrument playing with a weekly performance of our Broadway Style Musical on the last day of camp. Camps run from **9am to 4pm** with childcare before and after camp hours.

CAMP DATES:

June 3-7 **June 10-14** **June 17-21** **June 24-28**

July 15-26 • Frozen Jr Two Week Camp

July 29-August 2

Ages 5-11 years old

Jr Counselors in Training ages 12-15 (half off tuition)

STUDIO NEWS

- **April 13th** Pre Registration and Pop A Balloon for your extra Pre Registration summer camp savings ends.
- **April 19th** "No School" camp day. Spend your day when school is closed with us!
- Our Theater kids ages 6-11, Spring Musical, Beauty and The Beast **April 26th & 27th**. Tickets on sale now.
- Our Theater Kids ages 11-16, Spring Musical, Mary Poppins **May 10th and 11th**. Tickets on sale now.
- Teacher appreciation week **April 29th - May 4th**. Keep an eye out for fun studio appreciation ideas for our teachers.
- **May 14th, 17th & 18th** Private Music Student Recitals.
- **May 19th** Dance Recitals at Alco Theater in our shopping plaza.
- **May 25th & 29th** Musical Theater/Drama classes, Spotlight Day.
- **June 3rd - August 10th** Summer Camps.
- School Closed **July 2nd - 6th**.

FROZEN, JR will be our two week Broadway, Junior Camp from **9am to 3pm** with before and after care available.

The campers will be the cast and crew of this amazing production and put on the Broadway show **FROZEN, JR** for their friends and family.

Call us with any questions and we look forward to making your child's summer a memorable, safe and fun place to call home!

Registration opened online or at the studio.



BIG CONGRATS! Kiddy Keys, is the most full it has ever been! Kiddy Keys is a group class for our pre-schoolers ages 2.5-5 years old.

Ms. Diane was chosen to judge the Piano Achievement Levels for the Palm Beach County Association of MTNA (Music Teachers National Association)

Amy Tanner (teaches Voice, Piano and our Bak Prep Classes) was in the Kravitz Center Production of The Spitfire Grill at Palm Beach Dramaworks

David Taustine (teaches Voice & Piano) was the music director for Slow Burn Theater in Ft. Lauderdale.

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