

Studio Notes

Carry on, Gumshoes!

Contest #3 is wrapping up as participating students have begun to hone and, in some cases, memorize their spring recital pieces. Detective-themed prizes will be distributed as students demonstrate their proficiency at playing their pieces. It's no mystery that it has been a fun year with the spy theme. Thanks to piano parents and students alike for enthusiastically joining in the fun!

Mission #4

Our ultimate mission of the piano year will encourage students to stay in practice routine right up until the final week of piano. Students who arrive with logs marked (parent AND student logs) and have noticeably worked on all assigned pieces will receive the final prize of the year.

Spring piano recital — April 23, 4 PM

On **Sunday, April 23, 2023, at 4 PM**, students participating in my studio's "*I Spy...*" recital will share their music talents at Oakwood Auditorium (West). If your child is participating, he/she has been working on a piece for the recital. Contact me if you have questions about your child's recital "status" or if you have changed your mind about your child's participation. The recital should be just under an hour long, so plan to stay for the entire time. You won't want to miss anything!

Dates to note:

- **March 14-16** — NO piano lessons (Mrs. Hunter's spring break)
- **March 28-30** — NO piano lessons (MCPASD spring break)
- **April 4-6** — NO piano lessons (Holy Week)
- **April 23** — Piano recital at Oakwood at 4 PM
- **May 9-11** — Final week of piano lessons

Summer Piano Lessons

Summer piano lessons are available for **ALL** of my students. Why take summer piano lessons? Honestly, the long break (May to September) isn't ideal for retaining piano skills. Weekly prizes and new music are a huge draw. Lessons take place at my home studio. Register for my summer piano session, ***Snap, Krackle, Pop!*** by logging into my website: karenhunterpiano.com. Click the summer piano registration link and follow the prompts. My summer piano flyer is attached to this email, if you'd like details.

Snow days/Sick days

Thanks to technology, cancelling piano lessons for inclement weather and illness is no longer necessary. Should a snow day be called, lessons can still take place as scheduled via the **Google Meet** app. If your child is absent from school due to quarantine or minor illness, lessons can still take place virtually. Email me (karenhunterpiano@gmail.com) or text me (**608-354-1827**) if you'd like to make a temporary change to virtual lessons via **Google Meet**.

Absence policy reminder

Your child's lesson time is reserved exclusively for your child. Furthermore, like gymnastics, dance, or swimming, the tuition you pay is based on enrollment, not attendance. **Lessons you choose to miss will not be made up.** I do not give refunds or credits for missed lessons unless the missed lesson is a result of **my** absence. When you register your children for piano lessons, you are **committing them to an entire year** (*September through May*) of lessons **on the agreed upon day and at the agreed upon time**. **No refunds** will be given should your child drop piano after the annual or semester payment has been made.

Note-able Quotable

The piano keys are black and white but sound like a million colors in your mind.

—Maria Cristina Mena