

Early Bird String Academy Newsletter

November 11, 2011

Dear Parents,

We are off and running, thanks to you. Early Bird String Academy has more students than ever before. That means we will keep trying to keep you informed. Thank you so much for getting your child to school by 7:45-7:50am, so that we can start on time. We have more students attending the extra session at 8:30! This is GREAT!

Thank you, parents and students, for coming to Barnes and Noble for the St. Peters Fundraiser. The students sounded fantastic, and our big numbers show your awesome support. In the future, some of our older students will be asked to play for "Merry Little Shindig" in Downtown North St. Paul on December 10th. This is a venue that we played for last year.

Many students are keeping up with their One Hundred Days of practice. Students know that they only need to practice on the days that they eat. :-)

A minimum of 5 minutes is enough to get a box signed off by a parent or responsible person. As the students learn more material, they should try to get to 30 minutes per day. Two boxes may be signed off by the parent in one day if the student also does a "performance" for a friend or family member other than those he or she lives with in addition to practicing. Awards are given at 50 and 100 days. In sports terms, practice is what is done at home. However, lesson days are like the big game day, and concerts are like the play-offs.

Please remember, as the weather gets colder, it is important to make sure instruments are properly kept at the correct temperature and humidity. What that means is... not too hot and not too cold, or as humans would feel comfortable. Instruments are not to be left in a car, or where they can be damaged.

Sincerely, Janis Nash with Ingrid Koller and Kathryn Christie