

# Gulf Coast Music School

May 2013 Newsletter

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Ensemble Concert and Potluck Party  
Unitarian Universalist Church - Hobart Hall  
Monday, May 20, 2013 at 4:30 PM

This is a special concert for our students and their families to share. All the music will be small group pieces; duets, trios and more. There will be surprises –maybe even a special guest or two! Gulf Coast Music will supply the paper plates, cups, utensils, and napkins. Students bring food and/or drinks to share.

Please invite your family and friends to attend.

### Practice Concert

May 1<sup>st</sup> begins our new practice contest! All you have to do is practice 30 days in a row. That means if you go on vacation, you should bring your instrument! We have a treasure chest full of prizes to give out.

Color in a box every day after you practice. Turn it in to Chris, and then pick a prize from the Treasure Chest!

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11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30

### Schedule

There will be violin group classes and private lessons for violin, viola, cello, and piano throughout the summer!!!!

The 8-Week Summer Semester begins on Monday, June 3, 2013. There will be Violin Group Class that day. The schedule is posted on our web site. If you plan to be out of town, let your teacher know so they can schedule two lessons per week preceding your vacation so you will not miss a lesson.

Are you interested in playing in a trio or a quartet? Our cello teacher, Susie Kelly, is planning **Chamber Music Classes** this summer. Call 239-590-0059 for more information.

### Fundraising

Our parents started a nonprofit group, Friends of Gulf Coast Music, to raise music education funds for our school.

One of the things the group set up is an Amazon.com link. Every time you use the link, the nonprofit receives a donation. It's time to add our new families to the group. And maybe it's time to plan another music workshop trip?

Or raise funds for summer camp scholarships? All parents will meet on the screened porch during the 4:30 PM violin group class on Monday, April 29, 2013. We need a parent to lead this meeting.

Please let us know if you can help.

### July 6, 2013 ECC Class

This summer Carol Sykes, *teacher trainer* is coming to teach a special class called Every Child Can! (ECC) ECC is the first required course in the Suzuki Association of the Americas Teacher Development Program. Open to parents, teachers, prospective teachers, public school administrators, and other interested persons, this course provides a fast paced, interesting and inspiring look at Dr. Suzuki's philosophies and its application to Suzuki education. More information and the registration form are on our new website.

### Summer Violin and Chamber Music Camp - July 8-12, 2013

This year we plan to have each student attend percussion class each day. We may also have an additional performance opportunity for the camp students.