



SANTA ROSA AREA MUSIC TOGETHER NEWS

A newsletter for Music Together families in Santa Rosa, Windsor, and Healdsburg

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Spring Session 2006

•**Some classes will be (temporarily!) discontinued** . . . I'm very sorry to announce that some class meeting times will have to be closed down this spring. My heart is heavy to have to do this - my goal is always to keep as many families on this musical journey as want to do it. I'm thinking of this as a temporary situation, and that these class times will be reinstated in the fall.

I have been unable to find a person to substitute for Elena, and Audrey needs to decrease her teaching hours due to personal matters. So, right now it looks as if the three Wednesday morning Santa Rosa classes and the two Healdsburg classes will not be able to run. I deeply apologize to all in these classes who were hoping to continue in the same class this spring. Please contact me about other possibilities for you, and please read on.

I'm still working to find a way to keep at least some of these Wednesday classes afloat. There will also be one class added in Santa Rosa on Thursday mornings at 10:30, and there will most likely be spaces opening in the Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday classes. I'll let you know the final schedule of offerings by next week.



•**Priority registration** for spring session will begin next week, the week of February 27, and go until your last class date. If you register in this 2-week period, and your class is still being offered, you will be guaranteed your spot for spring session. **If you must change your class day or time, registering early in the priority period will put you in the best position to get your first choice to switch.** Spring session will start the week of April 3, and run for 10 weeks.



•**Why continue in music classes anyway?** Most families choose to keep their children in classes for several sessions, because the development of musical skills in a young child is ongoing, and continues to build in a deep way with focused experiences. In classes, you can be sure your child will have exposure to a meaningful and powerful group music-making experience each week!

Farewell (for now...) To Our Dear Elena!

This spring, Elena will be taking a leave from teaching to have her baby!!! (Being around so many babies must be contagious! 😊) She will be welcoming her sweet new family member in April. Elena has been teaching for nearly two years, and is loved by her Music Together families for her engaging playfulness and warm spirit. She hopes to return to teaching in the fall, so I'll keep you all posted! For now, let's give our best wishes to Elena, her husband Steve, and the little one!



Job Announcement :

Music Together Teacher Wanted!

Are you or anyone you know interested in becoming a Music Together Teacher?

If you're interested, please contact me at 544-5747. An audition, short training, and internship are required; actual teaching would most likely begin in Fall 2006.

I'll also have official job announcements in classes that can be posted or passed along to friends, so if you want to help spread the word, please pick one up.

Thank You!!!



**Please see
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Scheduling Make-Up Classes

Here's a reminder how to use the online make-up scheduler:

Go to:

<http://makeups.musictogether.com>

Then type in this access key:

wiggle

(You can also find the scheduler address at www.musiceveryone.com, on the home page, under

"For Currently Enrolled Families")

The scheduler is the best way to get a make-up class, but if you can't do it online for some reason, you can call me (Ginger) at 544-5747 to set up a make-up by phone.

Keep the Music Alive!



As you finish this session with the BELLS collection, please remember to **keep** doing music with your child every day! It's really YOUR model of music-making that means the most to your child educationally. You're taking your child on a wonderful journey toward music competence; don't stop when class ends!! Keep up the good work!



Babies Only Class



This winter, we are having a blast in the Babies Only class! I will be offering another one this spring, at the same time: Thursdays at 11:30. If you or someone you know are interested, please let me know. This class is open to anyone with a baby 8 months old or younger.



Mid-Session Check-in time!

Now is the time to have your say, via the evaluation form that arrived in your email a couple weeks ago (there are also hard copies in class). We do read all of them, and greatly value your input. I really try to get back to you on any questions and comments that warrant a response, but I sometimes get overwhelmed with so many.

Please feel free to contact me by phone or email any time if you have anything you want to discuss with me.

Thanks for letting us know how it's going for you!



Reminder... Spring session will end the week of March 13-17.

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Thanks.