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It's Summer: Let's keep playing!

You know how easy it is for your child to forget how to solve math problems that were so easy for him/her before the long, hot, lazy days of summer? Well, frequently the same thing happens with learning a musical instrument. Summer classes are designed for our current students as a continuation of the classes for which they are currently enrolled.

The MVPS (Mid-Valley Prelude Sinfonia) summer session will be six weeks long, **beginning the *week of July 11* and ending the *week of August 15.*** A concert celebration at Monteith Riverpark will conclude the summer session on ***August 25 at 6:00pm***. The concert will include performances by our beginner and intermediate classes, as well as a collaborative performance by the New Horizons Willamette Valley Orchestra, Albany String Orchestra, and our AYO (Albany Youth Orchestra) students. There will be a potluck dinner, so you are encouraged to bring something to share and plan to eat!

Registration forms for all classes are available at www.AlbanyStrings.org/registration and are to be mailed to the address on the form. Registration forms may also be turned in at the Spring Concert on May 25.



Summer Classes

Beginner Enrichment Classes: (for students currently enrolled in a beginner class.) This class will review concepts from the book and introduce ensemble playing. Students will learn to play as an orchestra and prepare music for the summer concert on August 25. Two class locations:

South Shore Elementary
Tues/Thurs, 10:00-10:45 am
$60

North Albany Elementary
Mon/Wed, 9:00-9:45 am
$60
Note: If needed, an overflow class will be offered Mon/Wed 10:00-10:45 am

Intermediate Enrichment Class: (for students currently enrolled in intermediate class.) This class will prepare students to audition for Junior Orchestra. Students will learn orchestra music for the summer concert on August 25. Class location:

South Shore Elementary
Tues/Thurs, 9:00-9:45 am
$60

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Continuation; Summer Classes:

Shrewsbury Renaissance Faire Class: (NEW Class!) The purpose of this class is to prepare students to perform at the Shrewsbury Renaissance Faire in Kings Valley on September 10th and 11th. It is for students with 3+ years of playing experience. Authentic Renaissance music will be taught for small group performances. Students are required to play in costume and must be available to perform on either one or both days. Help with costumes will be available. Class location:

South Shore Elementary
Tues/Thurs, 11:00-11:45 am
$80

AYO Students: Current AYO students may rehearse with the Albany Summer Festival Orchestra (an all-ages summer version of the Albany String Orchestra for adults, directed by Kim Collar). Registration is through Albany Parks and Recreation—details are at www.cityofalbany.net/departments/parks-and-recreation/activities-classes/activity-guide. To register, call Parks and Rec at (541) 917-7777. Rehearsals are Tuesday evenings from 7:15-9:15 pm at the Albany Senior Center, June 28 - August 30. Cost is $40.

Summer Volunteers Needed!

Middle and High School students: if you need service hours this summer, we would love to have your help with our summer classes. Please email Kim Collar at kimberly.collar@gmail.com to let her know of your interest.

Private (one-on-one) lessons: For students who want to study intensively this summer. Advanced students and MVPS instructors will be offering lessons. Please contact the person directly for rates and scheduling. Amanda Givens (violin and viola, N. Albany) amandalgivens@gmail.com, Kim Collar (violin, viola, cello, midtown Albany) 541-971-9806 kimberly.collar@gmail.com, Denver Speelman (violin, Corvallis) 541-531-1725 denver.m.speelman@gmail.com, Claudia Vickers (cello, Corvallis) 541-760-8413 clawbite09@yahoo.com.

Instruments



Are you renting an MVPS instrument or using a school instrument for your child? If you are NOT registering your child for an MVPS summer class, the instrument must be returned to MVPS by the end of the Spring Concert on May 25, or at your child's last class (your instructor will explain what you are to do). Your child must be registered for summer classes by May 25 in order to keep the instrument over the summer. School year instrument rental rates apply for the summer program. Please contact Nancy at (541) 730-3017 if you have any questions.

Spring Concert is coming soon!

May 25, 2016

6:30 pm

Memorial Middle School gymnasium

This will be the final concert of the school year. There will not be a joint rehearsal for beginners prior to this concert. Intermediates will rehearse together Wednesday, May 18, from 7:15-8:00pm at the Memorial Middle School band room.

Students need to arrive for the concert by 6:00pm.

We will be celebrating the kids' success with cookies after the concert. Please bring some cookies to share!

Volunteers help our concert run smoothly. We need help with ushering, moving equipment, hallway monitor, guarding cookies, etc. Please contact Mandee Steinkellner (541-218-2656) if you would like to volunteer.



Remember to turn in your registration forms for summer classes if you wish to keep your MVPS or school instrument through the summer!

Fall Classes

All MVPS classes will be available next fall, plus some new ones! Fall classes begin the first week of October. Days and times of classes will be determined in August. Please check our website for more information — www.AlbanyStrings.org. Classes will be available at the following locations:

Beginner Classes (for students with no experience):



North Albany Elementary
Oak Grove Elementary
South Shore Elementary
Timber Ridge School
Liberty Elementary School (NEW location!)
Periwinkle Elementary School (NEW location!)

Intermediate Classes (for students with 1+ years' experience):

North Albany Elementary (NEW class!)
Oak Grove Elementary (NEW class!)
South Shore Elementary
Timber Ridge School
North Albany Middle School

The Albany Youth Orchestra (AYO) will be divided into two groups:

- *Junior Orchestra* (for students with 2+ years' experience—audition required)
- *Chamber Orchestra* (for advanced students—audition required)

Rehearsals for **both** AYO groups will be held Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 pm at Memorial Middle School from October through May. Junior Orchestra will meet in the cafeteria. Chamber Orchestra will meet in the Band Room.

Important Dates

May 25	Spring Concert and deadline for summer registration if using a school or MVPS instrument
Wk of July 11-Aug 18	Summer session
Aug 25	Summer session performance, Monteith Riverpark
Aug 27	Albany Farmer's Market performance
Sept 10-11	Ren. Faire class performances, Kings Valley
Sept 21	Registration deadline for Fall session
Wk of Oct 3	Fall session begins



Concert Clothing Closet

Kids grow so fast . . . and you may not have the time or finances to buy something new the night before a concert. MVPS is now offering a Concert Clothing Closet—a supply of student concert attire is available on loan for MVPS performance events at no cost. There are various sizes of boys' and girls' performance clothes (black slacks and skirts, white tops, black shoes and socks, and stockings!). Call Nancy at (541) 730-3017 to get your child outfitted.

MVPS Students Perform!



AYO preparing for iCelebrate Kids performance on April 9, 2016

South Shore Elementary students performing at Winter Concert in February



Jazlyn Itzell Perez and Sara Alvarado

Photos provided by Cheryl French

iCelebrate Kids

A big thank you to AYO and the South Shore beginner class for performing at the Albany Public Schools Foundation's (APSF) annual fundraiser, iCelebrate Kids, in April. Positive feedback was received for the students' talent, behavior, and professionalism. Two donations from APSF were received for our programs. Thank you APSF for your support!



Emilio Söderström-Caldera

Community Opportunities

The Arts Center in Corvallis is hosting a one day Cajun fiddling, painting, dancing and eating camp for youths of all ages on June 23, 2016. The camp goes from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at The Arts Center (700 SW Madison in downtown Corvallis). The morning will feature the creation of a giant mural and two-step and zydeco dancing. The afternoon will feature a fiddle lesson and playing led by Kelly Thibodeaux. Fiddles will be provided for all. Registration is limited to 15 participants. There will be Cajun-style treats to keep the energy up. Registration is through www.theartscenter.net or contact John Byrne at johnb@theartscenter.net, or call (541) 754-1551, ext. 652. The all day camp cost is $70. Some scholarship money is available for eligible families.

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The Mid-Valley Prelude Sinfonia (MVPS) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose goal is to provide an opportunity for youth in the greater Albany area to play violin, viola, cello, or string bass in a group setting. We offer group classes in several Albany public schools and the Albany Youth Orchestra.

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