



# TESSI Newsletter

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SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 2010

## QUICK CALENDAR:

### 9/15/10 -- Tuition Due

*Tuition payment 2 of 11  
\$10 late fee as of 9/23*

### 10/3/10 -- RECITAL

*2:00pm  
-- Carbondale Civic Center  
\*See the kitchen bulletin board  
at TESSI for the refreshment  
signup sheet*

### 10/15/10 -- Tuition Due

*Tuition payment 3 of 11  
\$10 late fee as of 10/23*

### 11/15/10 -- Tuition Due

*Tuition payment 4 of 11  
\$10 late fee as of 11/23*

### Tues. Nov 23rd thru 28th

**Thanksgiving Break** –  
*see your teacher for their  
specific schedule*

### 12/1/10 - Festival Fees Due

*Payable to your teacher, see  
them for fee amounts*

### 12/5/10 -- RECITAL

*-- Carbondale Civic Center  
-- Wiggles, and Piano/Guitar  
-- Times TBA*

### 12/15/10 -- Tuition Due

*Tuition payment 5 of 11  
\$10 late fee as of 12/23*

### \* TUES. DECEMBER 21ST \*

### Winter Break begins

*Lessons will resume  
on January 3rd, 2011*

## Welcome Back!

We hope you've had a great summer and are finding some time to enjoy the outdoors now that the extreme heat has abated! This is our favorite time of year, and there always seems to be so much going on in September and October that it is difficult to choose which events to attend.



By now, we have all hopefully settled into our weekly routines with school, practice and extra-curricular activities. It won't be long before we hold our first recital of the school year on Sunday, October 3rd (2:00 pm). We look forward to hearing everyone perform – it will have been almost 4 months since last time!

We don't have a lot to report in this issue, but there are a few items that should be of interest to many of you, so read on!

## AIM (Achievement in Music)

The Achievement in Music (AIM) program for piano students is similar to Festival in that it provides an opportunity (outside of TESSI) to perform and be evaluated by a judge. What sets the AIM program apart from Festival is that it also focuses on music theory skills (through a written test) in addition to performance, and as such requires an even higher level of commitment in time, hard work and dedication.

This year, Ms. Ward is working with some of her students to help them prepare for testing (in March of 2011). Participation in AIM is optional, and it is not too late to get involved. Interested students (who are prepared to work hard) should speak with Ms. Ward for details.

Fees for AIM workbooks (payable to Alyce Ward) are as follows:

Levels 1a, 1b, 1c - \$5.00    Levels 2 and above - \$7.00



**WELCOME !!**

*To these new TESSI  
Piano students and  
their families*

**Twyla Neely-Streit**

**Tristen Fisher**

**Shannon Hall**

**Janey Robbins**

*(from Wiggles N' Tunes)*

**Pranav Mayor**

*(from Wiggles & Kiddykeys)*

*It is great to have  
you with us!*



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## 2011 NFMC Junior Festival

The dates for the next Junior Festival are **Saturday, Feb. 19th and Sunday, Feb. 20th, 2010**. If your children are participating in Festival this year, be sure to keep these dates clear in your schedule!

\* **Festival fees are due to your teacher by December 1st.** \*

The Junior Festival is held each year under the auspices of the National Federation of Music Clubs, and organized by its state and local chapters. It provides an opportunity for young music students to perform and be evaluated on an individual basis by a panel of judges. See your teacher for more information!

## Piano Explorer (magazine)

Piano families: It is time to renew (or begin!) your subscriptions to Piano Explorer magazine, which is available at a group rate through Alyce Ward. *(a minimum of 5 subscriptions are needed to qualify for the group rate)*

Group rate subscription fees are \$5.00 (for 10 issues/year). Subscription fees must be paid to Alyce Ward by October 1st with subscriptions beginning October 15th. See Ms. Ward for any questions, or to see a copy of the magazine.

## In Our Thoughts and Prayers

We would like to ask all of you for your continued prayers and positive thoughts for the Baughman family, in their ongoing recovery from injuries sustained in a serious car accident in June of this year.

Our thanks to all who have lent assistance to the family during a difficult time.

--- *That's all until next time – thanks for reading!*