Spring registration is now available! Spring programs include private music instruction on all instruments and voice; fiddle classes; Suzuki method instruction on violin, viola, and cello—including parent beginner classes; ballet and jazz dance classes for children and adults; Pilates; Junior Academy String Orchestra; Teen Chamber String Ensemble; and group music instruction including Music Mind Games and Music & Movement. Classes fill up quickly, so make sure to reserve your spot today. Registration forms can be found on the Academy website (nau.edu/music/academy) and in the Ponderosa lobby (just outside our office). Payment can be made in our office, by mail, or over the phone (928-523-1889).

Congratulations to Katie Zhang (dance teacher) on graduating this semester. While we are sad to see her go, we are excited to have Ember Hannon take over the reins for jazz dance classes in the spring!

This year’s Nutcracker Tea fundraiser was a huge success with over 130 guests! Thanks to everyone who attended, bid on items, and volunteered. Special thanks to Debbie Cook, Angel Dittberner, Peggy Murray, Jeannette Moore, Sara Mushro, Kristie Jones, and Katie Warke for their efforts to fundraise and organize the event. Thanks also to all dance families who donated items for inclusion in the special gift baskets this year!

The following Suzuki Strings students have completed at least 50 days of consecutive practicing and listening: Saoirse Ziegler (52 days), Barret Sasser-Miller (802 days), Sophia Xiong (208 days), Josephine Drios (81 days), Daehan Yi (245 days), Joey Tognacci (50 days), Zach Guise (1,033 days), Anabelle McKay (337 days), Lily Claire McKay (103 days), Eliza Moyer (1,254 days), Keenan Graber (473 days), Harper Corbinmeyer (60 days), Lyra Corbinmeyer (60 days), Zoe Copeland (50 days), Asa Gray (75 days), and Aaron Veazie (357 days).

Congratulations to Rebecca Needhammer (Academy dance alum and teacher) for performing the lead role in this season’s Center Dance Ensemble production of Snow Queen. Discounted Academy tickets are available through the Herberger Theatre box office through the coming weeks.
UPCOMING EVENTS

12/10/15: Voice studio master class, 7-9pm, room 147
12/10/15: Suzuki Strings formal recitals, 4pm, 5pm, 6pm, Ashurst Auditorium
12/11/15: Suzuki Strings formal recitals, 4:30pm & 5:30pm, Ashurst Auditorium
12/15/15: Voice studio dress rehearsal, 5:00-8:30pm, room 147
12/17/15: Voice studio recital, 6:15pm, room 147
12/21/15—1/1/16: WINTER BREAK—No Classes or Rehearsals; OFFICE CLOSED
1/8/16: RAD exam forms and payments due
1/11/16: Spring semester dance classes begin
1/16/16-1/18/16: Music Mind Games Unit 1B teacher training, 9am-4pm, Ponderosa room 114
1/16/16-1/17/16: RAD Challenge, San Jose, CA
1/18/16: MLK DAY—OFFICE CLOSED—No Classes or Rehearsals
1/19/16-1/22/16: Suzuki parent beginner class, 6:30-8:30pm, room 137
1/21/16: Suzuki Strings Play-In, 4:30pm, Ashurst Auditorium
1/28/16: Suzuki Strings group classes begin (*see schedule for details)—this includes MMG, Music & Movements, and Junior Academy String Orchestra
1/22/16: Payroll deductions begin
1/23/16: Celebrate Youth Day, Suzuki strings performance time TBA, Flagstaff Mall
2/1/16: Third quarterly payment due for year-long registrations
2/15/16: Presidents’ Day, no classes or rehearsals
3/2/16: Piano recitals, 6pm & 7pm, Ashurst Auditorium
3/5/16: Suzuki Strings informal recitals, 3-5pm, Ponderosa room 112
3/8/16: Suzuki Strings informal recitals, 4-5pm, Ponderosa room 112
3/10/16: Suzuki Strings formal recitals, 4pm, 5pm, & 6pm, Ashurst Auditorium
3/11/16: Suzuki Strings formal recitals, 4:30pm & 5:30pm, Ashurst Auditorium
3/14/16—3/20/16: SPRING BREAK—No Classes or Rehearsals
4/1/16: All Final Payments Due!!!
4/28/16: Suzuki group recital, 4:30pm, Location TBC (Ashurst Auditorium or Sinagua Middle School Auditorium)

SEND US YOUR PICTURES!
Our Academy students participate in so many fabulous events throughout the year and unfortunately, we can’t be at every one of them so please send us your pictures. We’d love to post them to our website, on Facebook, on our bulletin boards, and here in Academy newsletters!

OTHER NEWS

Weather Closures & Delays
The days are getting shorter and weather colder! All weather related cancellations, delays, and closures will be updated on our Snow Line at (928) 523-2333. Please check this number for updates before calling the Academy Office. We will also continue to do our best to update our Facebook and main website pages with the latest information.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?
We’re always looking for ways to improve and offer an even better experience to all our families and students. To help us do so, we will be sending out a link to a short, survey. The link will also be available on our website and our Facebook page. Please take a few minutes to tell us what you think. We appreciate all feedback!

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