**September 2012 Newsletter**

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Welcome new students, parents and friends!! I am looking forward to beginning our musical adventure together!!

**For your safety:** Please enter by using the stairs through the rear of the carport. You will stay dry, and the stairs are evenly spaced – Thank you!

Please steer your children away from my backyard. Our time together goes by very quickly. Your children need to be kept free from playground distractions and to remember the reason they are here – for music lessons!

Attached you will find the Lessons Schedule, and a copy of the 2012/2013 Studio policy for your designated program. Please Sign and Return the *Studio Copy* to me before September 30th. At your first lesson you will be receiving a Piano Planner – you are expected to bring it and your music books to every lesson! Filled with challenges , technique, and practice guides, it serves as a valuable learning tool.

**If you need to contact me**: I will not answer my home phone or cel phone while I am teaching! If there is an emergency and you will be late or will miss your *lesson please text me on my cel phone – 604-791-7749.* If you are unable to text, please leave a message on my cel phone and I will listen to your message as soon as I am able to.

**A NOTE ABOUT PARKING**

Parking can be a little tricky on my busiest teaching days – Being on time for your lesson is most important!  Please plan to be in my driveway a few minutes before your actual lesson time.  You will also not get stuck on the road coming up while -someone else is coming down....(You will arrive a couple minutes before your lesson, and the person before you will leave a couple minutes after their lesson).

Whenever possible turn your vehicle around when you arrive – unless of course you are the last student for the night you may prefer to turn around when there are no other vehicles in the driveway.....

**If you meet someone on the road ---**

*If you are coming up* the mountain watch closely for other vehicles coming down.  If it is dark, turn your high beams on while you are going up so the person at the top can see headlight coming!  The basic rule is this, *if you are going up the mountain, you need to either go into a driveway or back up.*  When you come to the first corner by the DO NOT ENTER signs, look up the hill and try to see if anything is coming – it is quite easy to back up if you are going straight!! *If you are driving down* make sure to STOP before you leave my driveway and go onto the road....  Look both ways – there is a house up top that sometimes has vehicles coming and going. Watch very carefully for oncoming traffic, and drive slow.  *If you are close to another driveway and see another vehicle coming up please pull over and wait for the oncoming vehicle to drive by...*

Stopping and starting on the road can cause it to have huge ruts in it that are expensive to fix.  Latimer Road is privately maintained and shared by 3 families, and NOT funded by the City of Chilliwack.

**When you have arrived**

If you have arrived notably early to your lesson it can be a distraction to a learning student. For an early arrival more than 5 minutes, I ask that you please wait in your vehicle or quietly outside the studio until a few minutes before lesson time. When you and your children are coming up the stairs and entering the music studio please be respectful! Running and yelling on the way into lessons is not acceptable and will not be tolerated.

**Cel Phones during lesson time**

I know that we are all extremely busy parents! Please be courteous and turn your cel phone ringer and texting sounds off during lesson time. If you need to make a phone call during the lesson kindly step outside or in the hallway!

Thanks for choosing me to be your child’s teacher – if you have any questions regarding this letter please do not hesitate in asking☺

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