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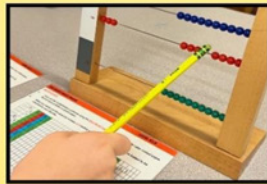


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Music4Kids Is Growing! Exciting Changes, New Name, and a Grand Reopening!

By Deborah Pratt, Music4Kids

Music4Kids is thrilled to announce a major milestone in our journey to inspire a love of music making in a family atmosphere. With an opportunity to take on more space in our current location, our music school is expanding its facilities, planning a new name, and preparing for a grand reopening celebration you won't want to miss!

A New Name Coming Soon!

Since opening at our current location in 2018, Music4Kids has grown tremendously. We now serve students of all ages, including adults! To better reflect who we are today, we are planning a name change and are inviting suggestions from our current students and families as well as anyone else who is interested in sending a suggestion to email@music4kids.com. We will review all the ideas and select the final name, which we'll announce in July.



Expanded Space and Programs

Our expansion means we'll occupy the entire top floor of our current location at 141 NW C Street, plus our first floor piano studio. The new space will include a dedicated vocal and choral room, more room for piano classes, and a space for each of our talented instructors to call their own. These improvements allow us to welcome more students and offer enriched programs designed to foster a lifelong love of music.

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compiled from “Parenting Together” Vol 4 Issue 9
by Diana Bennington, Community Resources Specialist

As we plunge into the chaos of summer fun and then the “back-to-school” season, make sure to carve out some time for your family to discuss changes ahead of time, and learn what to expect before school starts. Sometimes, just talking about the positive and negative impacts of change, can help ease any fear, anxiety, or worry that you or your child may be experiencing. If we can be successful in reframing the back-to-school chaos, we may begin to see the change as opportunity for learning, social interactions, and fun!

When you think about back-to-school, you may begin to picture traditional images of school buses, classrooms, desks, backpacks, and calculators. Yet, much of the learning that takes place for school happens on the playground and in social settings. How your child relates to others in an unstructured social setting is just as important (if not more important) than their ability to tell you what 3 + 5 is. Research shows that social-emotional skills are important for school success. With that in mind, use your summer to do fun, social things and get connected.

With all the hype surrounding summer and back-to-school it is easy to overthink it and overbook it. In addition to the daily grind with school and work, many parents feel motivated to top it off with a few extracurriculars (sports, music lessons, etc.). These are great activities for children, but if you

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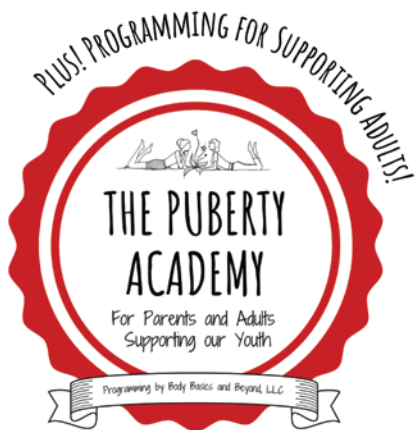
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