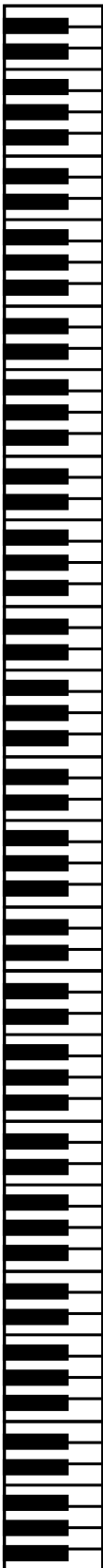


88keys Newsletter

September 2011



Upcoming Events

- Sept. 5
Labour Day
- Sept. 12-17
First week of lessons
Welcome back!
- Oct. 8-10
Thanksgiving
- Nov. 25-26
🎵 Piano Party (TBA)
- Dec. 18 - Jan. 2
Christmas Break
- Feb. 24-25
🎵 Piano Party (TBA)
- March 2
🎵 Spring Recital
- March 11-24
Langley Spring Break
- March 18-31
Surrey Spring Break
- May 18-19 OR 25-26
🎵 Piano Party (TBA)
- June 29
Last day of lessons
Have a great summer!

What I Did on Summer Vacation

Summer can be a great time to explore, stretch your boundaries, and try something new.

This summer, my daughter and I hosted our first music camp, suited especially to young beginners. For five days, children ages 6-9 chanted, sang, played games with rhythm and other music concepts, and explored the piano together. We had a wonderful time . . . and so did the kids!

We found that in the group setting, the children learned as much from each other as they did from the teachers. The game format was upbeat and fun, and allowed them to interact and to help each other. It was exciting to see them working together to master new ideas.

I would like to make this kind of learning experience available to my students on a more regular basis. This year, I will be offering several opportunities for your children to join me for a "Piano Party". We'll use a variety of games and activities to reinforce music concepts, and each student will have the chance to share a favourite song with their group. I am hoping that this will take some of the mystery out of "performing", and will put the focus on the fun of experiencing music together.



Would you run a marathon in flip-flops?



It would be crazy – and painful – to take on such a huge race with inadequate equipment!

Let's not kid ourselves – learning the piano takes a long time and a lot of effort. A tuned and properly-maintained piano will go a long way toward making your child's musical journey satisfying and enjoyable. It is essential for your child to have a reliable instrument to work with. Please take the time to have your piano tuned and maintained yearly.

Some piano technicians who have been recommended to me are:

Kleanthis Korkodilos Piano Service (604)526-2213

Wilhelm Schickgramm Piano Service (604)760-7743

MUSIKOPOLY

Attention all game-players! Get ready for a new board game challenge....Musikopoly! This year you will be taking on personal challenges in practicing, listening, reading, memorizing, and even composing! You'll choose the challenges to earn Bach Bucks and move your man along the game board....the more adventurous you are, the farther you'll go! Are you ready....?



Getting Ready for the New School Year:

Each student will need a **three-ring binder** for lesson materials.

There is a **\$10 materials fee** (per student) this year. This is payable with the first month's tuition, and covers part of the costs of the new Musikopoly practice incentive.

The **2011-2012 lesson calendar** is provided here for you. Please print this out for your reference.

The **Studio Policies page** has been reworked. Please take the time to read it over. If you have any questions, feel free to discuss them at the first lesson.

See you in the fall !