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Spring Holidays

DDC School of Music will be closed:

March 12 - March 16
(In observance of Spring Break)

Spring Closing
(which represents 2 of the 5 weeks out of the year that DDC is closed).

Dinky Drum Company, LLC Staff

Samuel Dinkins, III - President
Phaedra Dinkins - Vice President
Maricar Cox - Admin. Asst.

Instructors

Kareem Goode - Cello
Angel Campos - Guitar
Charles Davis - Guitar
Keisha Twitchell - Kindermusik
Jalen Baker - Percussion
Ralph Jackson - Percussion
Vincent Jarmon - Piano
Kaneesha Jones - Voice
Gerard Stewart - Woodwind
Sylvester LeBlanc - Woodwind

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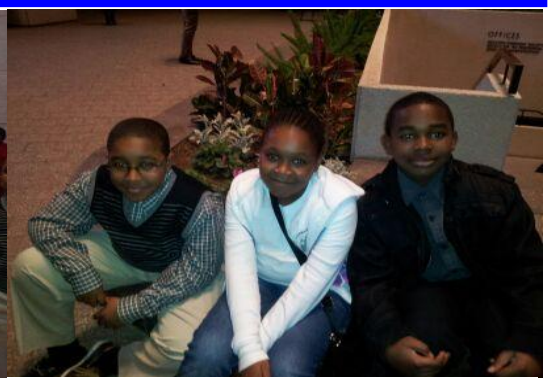
SMOKEY ROBINSON FIELDTRIP

DDC School of Music Students & Parents



Samson Dinkins, Chasity Jones and Treveon Jones.

DDC School of Music had our first 2013 field trip February 1, 2013. Twenty people attended the Smokey Robinson performance with the Houston Symphony at Jones Hall; Houston, TX. Mr. Robinson's concert included many of the great Motown hits that he wrote and/or sung.

Mr. Gilmore, parent whose son studies percussion said, "He enjoyed the experience of seeing Smokey Robinson live at Jones Hall." Mr. Gilmore loved the energy in the room between the artist & audience. He was amazed by the interaction between the Houston Symphony and Smokey Robinson's band.

The historic legend, Smokey Robinson, continues to show his listeners of all ages, that entertaining his audience is what makes him a legend!

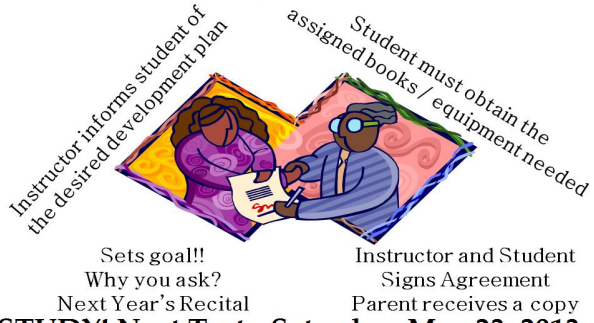
2013 RECITAL PREPERATION!

DDC School of Music Spring Annual Recital is Saturday, June 8, 2013 @ 3:00 P.M. at St. James Episcopal Church located at 3129 Southmore Blvd. The buzz has already begun amongst our staff and Solo's, Duet & Ensemble parts are being assigned in the private lessons. This years treat will be featured performances by our graduating High School Seniors, the "And the Siblings Play" segment, and the "It's A Family Affair" segment that includes our music students and their parents. Don't miss out on the excitement happening at DDC School of Music!

As we approach the recital date more information will be provided about tickets, congratulatory & business ads and additional opportunities to participate. Always remember to remind our future stars of tomorrow to practice, practice, practice.

Skills Development Progression

DDC School of Music
Skill Development Progression



STUDY! Next Test - Saturday, May 23, 2013

The Skills Development Progression is designed for the student to progress in the DDC Performance Level Program. There are four levels: bronze, silver, gold and platinum. Throughout their musical journey student's will learn Music Theory, Major & Minor Scales with accompanying etudes, Percussion Rudiments (rolls, paradiddles, flams & drags) and musical pieces for their repertoire.

2013 will have three chances to advance in the Performance Levels Program: May 23rd, August 10th and November 30th. Awards for attaining each level will be awarded during the Spring Recital, Back to School Jam and the Holiday Social.

Bring-A-Parent Week

Bring-A-Parent Week is the week that DDC encourages the parents, grandparents and family members to attend & observe the student's lesson. This special week is designed to allow students to show what they are learning. It is also where you can familiarize yourself with the student's progress and interaction with their Teacher. Bring –A Parent Week will help parents to understand the importance of practicing and the weekly assignments.

PRACTICE PRACTICE PRACTICE!!

BRING A PARENT WEEK
April 23-27, 2013

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Like

facebook Fan of Dinky Drum Company, LLC

Those that Join and Click on "Like" Will be entered into a Drawing

NEW FOR 2013

Student / Parent Award Program
Parents gets a ticket too!!!
Remember the importance in
PRACTICE PRACTICE PRACTICE!!!
Help your child complete their weekly homework so YOU can win too!
Child will enter a monthly drawing
Student can win TWO movie TICKETS
INCENTIVE PROGRAM BENEFITS THE STUDENT AND THE PARENT!!

2013 Graduating Seniors

JALEN BAKER

Recital - March 27, 2013
HSPVA
4001 Stanford

Graduation - June 11, 2013
Jones Hall
615 Louisiana

Accepted at University of New Orleans

Accepted at Columbia College Chicago

JORDAN HUNTER

Graduation - June 9, 2013

Accepted at Howard University

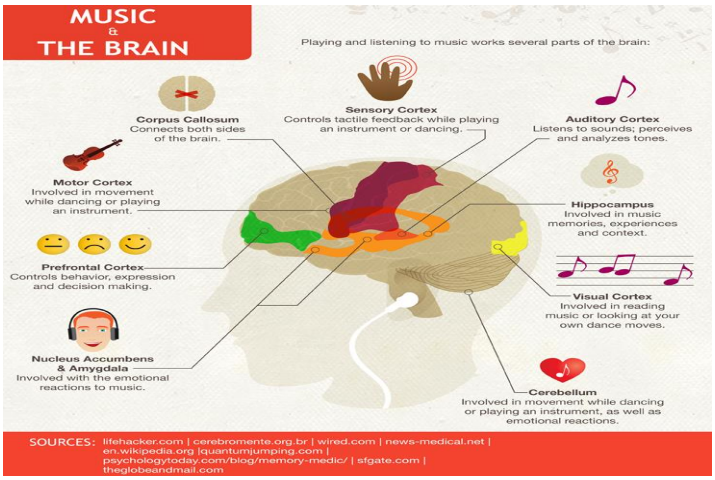
Sr. Class Officer

Student Council

NAACP Youth Council

Treasurer of DECA

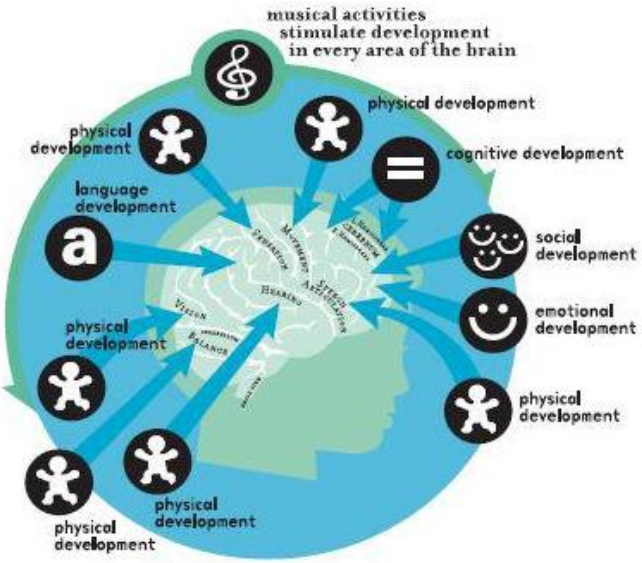
Kindermusik 2013



Music Stimulates 9 Parts of the Brain

They say a picture is worth a 1000 words, but in this case, it's an info graphic that's worth 1000 words, so we'll keep this post brief and to the point.

At FinerMinds.com, the team explored the many effects of music on the brain, specifically those effects caused by playing and listening to music - things our Kindermusik families do every week in Kindermusik class and in their daily routines at home.



Music is such an important part of every culture around the world that no one can argue with the impact or benefits of music. But what this info graphic illustrates so vividly are those specific parts of the brain that are affected. According to these authors, there are nine parts of the brain that are stimulated while playing and listening to Music.

Astounding!

There's no doubt that music makes a difference cognitively, physically and emotionally. And experts tell us that the younger a child is exposed to music and music-making, the better.

That's one of the reasons why the Kindermusik curricula are specifically designed to capitalize on those effects through a developmentally appropriate, whole-child based approach. With that in mind, we leave you with this statement from psychologist Richard Davidson when he was a professor at the University of Wisconsin:

"The brain is the only organ designed to change in response to experience. Musical training changes the structure of the brain and when it begins earlier in life the greater the influence."

Adventure Classes

Busy Days celebrates the rich lives parents and children share.

Zoo Train A trip to the zoo is a delightful and exciting family activity.

Confetti Days Timeless treasures of our custom of social celebrations in our musical heritage.

Tell Me a Tale Children climbing onto laps to hear their favorite tales sung or read to them.

SUMMER 2013 MUSIC PROGRAM

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SUMMER ARTS PROGRAM

- Private Music Lessons (8 Weeks)
- Group Music Lessons (8 Weeks)
- Kindermusik "Adventure Classes" (Monthly)
- Summer Music Camp (8 Weeks)
- Group Rhythm Section Class (6 Weeks)

"Drum, Piano, Bass & Guitar"

Classes begin June 11, 2013
Call Now To Reserve Your Spot!

KINDERMUSIK

Monthly
May 4 ~ May 25, 2013
June 1 ~ June 22, 2013
June 29 ~ July 27, 2013
August 3 ~ August 31, 2013
45 minutes ~ Once a week
Saturdays
Based on Enrollment
Groups Based on Age

"Busy Days"
9:30 a.m.: 0 ~ 18 months

"Zoo Train"
10:25 a.m.: 18 mo. ~ 3 years

"Confetti Days"
11:15 a.m.: 3 ~ 5 years

"Tell Me a Tale"
12:00 p.m.: 5 ~ 7 years

PRIVATE LESSONS

June 11, 2013 ~ August 3, 2013
30 minutes
Once a week

GROUP LESSONS

June 11 ~ August 3, 2013
1 Hour
Once a week
Based on Enrollment

SUMMER MUSIC CAMP

June 10 ~ August 3, 2013
8 a.m. ~ Noon or Noon ~ 4 p.m.
Monday ~ Friday
Based on Enrollment

GROUP RHYTHM SECTION

June 11 ~ July 20, 2013
2 Hours
Once a week
Based on Enrollment