



November 2011

## Humidity

Humidity control should be a great concern to players of wooden instruments. Bowed string instruments in particular are made of a number of pieces of wood of different types and grain direction, which can be susceptible to fluctuations in humidity. Too much or too little humidity can be the cause of arching distortion, cracks, neck projection problems, glue joint separations, strings that are too high or low, soundposts which are too loose or tight, and many other problems.

The recommended range for instruments is between 40-60% relative humidity (with 50% being optimum). In climates with severe seasonal temperature and humidity changes, maintaining consistency can be a difficult task.

While several case or instrument-held humidifiers are available, it is most advisable to humidify or dehumidify the environment in which the instrument is kept the majority of the time. It is important to remember that humidifiers for use inside the case or instrument are only effective when the case is closed. Once the case is opened, all of the humidified air quickly vanishes. Humidity is most easily measured with a wall-mounted hygrometer kept in the same room in which the instrument is stored. Smaller hygrometers are available, but their readings may not be as accurate. Instruments may, of course, be taken from their properly humidified environments in order to be played for reasonable periods of time. This can be done without the harm as long as the instrument is returned to its environment of proper humidity before the wood or grain loses an undue amount of moisture.

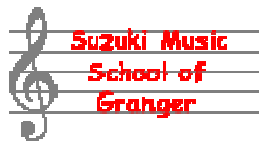
Do not forget that pianos also should be humidified with a room humidifier. Talk to your teacher or piano tuner for ideas.

Various styles of humidifiers, including a vapor bottle (\$5.00), are available in the SMS office or from Ed Everest, the String Doktor.

## November is Review Month

During the whole month of November, for 5 days each week, play all stickered, or marked, review pieces listed for that day on your Five Day Ability Development Chart (available at the school office). Bring a penny in for each piece you review and drop them into the jug for a chance to win an extra prize. Don't forget to have your teacher sign off on your orange form. This will qualify you for the Movie Night on Friday, December 2, from 6:30-9:00. Parents may feel free to drop their children off and have a night out! Siblings who don't qualify may attend for \$10.00 each.

*Also, keep practicing every day for the January reward!*



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## *School Calendar*

- Nov. 9 Demonstration concert at Early Childhood Program (see below for more information). Arrive at 9:15, play at 9:30.
- Nov. 13 Concert at The Hearth at Juday Creek for any level instruments. Arrive at 1:30; concert begins at 2:00. SMSG concert attire.
- Nov. 21 Monday group class in place of Halloween
- Nov. 22-25 No piano classes this week; **Thanksgiving Recess** - SMSG will be closed after Monday group classes.
- Nov. 28 Classes and lessons resume
- Dec. 1 Tuition due for semester II - Late fees apply after this date.
- Dec. 2 Movie Night from 6:30-9:00

## *Concerts*

### **Graduation**

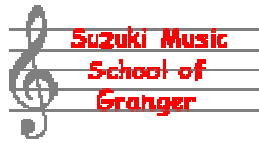
Congratulations to all the students who played in the graduation concert this past Sunday, November 6th!

### **Preschoolers and Homeschoolers**

There will be a SMSG demonstration at the Early Childhood Program, 17646 Cleveland Road, South Bend, (Ironwood and Cleveland) across from Castle Point Apartments, on Wednesday, November 9th. Call Joyce's cell if you have any difficulty finding it: 574-229-3147. Concert attire is white SMSG shirt, black from the waist down. Arrive at 9:15, play at 9:30. Sign up on the bulletin board across from Mozart.

### **Concert at The Hearth at Juday Creek**

There will be a concert for any level instruments on Sunday, November 13 at The Hearth at Juday Creek, 6330 North Fir Road, in Granger. Arrive at 1:30 for tuning; concert begins at 2:00. Concert attire is white Suzuki Music School shirt and black from the waist down. Sign up on the bulletin board across from Mozart.



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## *Notes to Remember*

### **CONSUMABLES NEEDED:**

In an effort to keep tuition and fees lower, our school relies on donations of consumables from currently enrolled families. Each SMS family is asked to donate two consumables to the school each year. Monetary donations, in lieu of consumables, are also welcome and are tax-deductible. Submit consumables to Lori Vogt, Business Administrator, in the office so that she can record your contributions. Items needed include:

Toilet paper  
Toilet cleaner brush  
Toilet bowl cleaner  
Color-less refill hand soap  
Large 13 gal kitchen trash bags  
Paper towels  
Kleenex  
Disinfectant spray and wipes (Lysol cleaner, Clorox disinfectant)  
EcoPure by Riccar (vacuum cleaner bags for 8000 series vacuum.)

### **WE'RE ON FACEBOOK!**

"Like" Suzuki Music School of Granger on Facebook for updates, encouraging words, and concert information.

### **BOX TOPS AND SOUP LABELS**

We have already earned \$52.00 so far this year! Don't forget to continue to bring yours in and put them in the box on the window ledge by the back door. Ask at the office for a list of products offering Box Top points.

*The Ice Cream Party on Friday, November 4th was a huge success! Good listening!*

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