



Twinkling The Ivories

June 2008

“All children are born with great potential.”

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Shauna Bevan-Stewart

It's Been a Great Year!

Thank you, outgoing board member! Our Secretary, Laura Chan, will be missed as she takes her skills and talents back East. She is a thoughtful team member and always up for a challenge. We would also like to thank Ron Poworoznik for signing on as the Vice President for another term, and we welcome Lori Demeriez and Heather MacMillan as new board members.

Thank you, volunteers! Without the ongoing generosity and caring of volunteers, ESPS could not provide students with the same resources and experiences. Thank you for your continued support. It may seem like you just made a small difference, but with all of our volunteers working together to support ESPS, you made a huge difference.

Thank you, Shauna Bevan-Stewart! A special thank-you goes out to Shauna Bevan-Stewart. Her knowledgeable volunteer service has been invaluable to ESPS this year. With her extremely busy schedule, she was kind enough to continue the daunting task of coordinating casino expenditures. Without her assistance, we would have had a very difficult succession as a board. Thanks again, Shauna, for making everyone's lives a little easier.

Thank you, Kim Green! I don't know what we would have done without our ever-resourceful, task-oriented, attention-to-detailish, and creative-thinking ESPS administrator, Kim Green. We were very fortunate to have found such a talented administrator who has assisted teachers, parents, students and the Board with initiating new ideas, coordinating events and ensuring success every step of the way. You are greatly appreciated!

Thank you, talented ESPS teachers! It has been a busy and exciting year for all of us, but especially for music teachers with lessons, group classes, concerts, graduations, group concert preparations, Edmund Sprunger workshops, teacher training sessions with Merlin Thompson, teacher meetings, and so much more. We appreciate your dedication to your students, your work and your ESPS. A warm enthusiastic thank-you is extended to Ruth for coordinating the Fall Institute and Spring Festival and teacher training sessions. In addition, Tim has been a strong teacher representative, assisting the board in understanding the complexity of the ESPS organization and facilitating open communication channels between the teachers and board members. We look forward to working with you even more closely in the future as we strive to set direction together with shared vision and strategic planning.

Karen Spencer
Co-President of the ESPS



Many hands make work light

Book Reviewer

Do you love to read? If YES is your answer, then this volunteer position is right up your alley!

ESPS is looking for a volunteer to help with reviewing the books in our sales library and writing a small review for the newsletter. If you have a little time to help, contact Kim Green at 488-0548.

Inspiration from Minneapolis

The Suzuki Association of the Americas conference in Minneapolis was a great experience, pulling in about a thousand teachers, parents and students from North and South Americas. Thanks to all parents who help with casinos; you make such trips possible!

There were sessions about group classes and child psychology, amid many other topics, plus masterclasses featuring a Canadian piano duo (James Anagnoson and Leslie Kinton, on the CBC's record label) and concerts every night.

One big piece of news is that after many years of work, the international Suzuki piano committee has revised books one, two, and three. The odd things that no one used in the old editions (some trills; the piece at the end of book three, etc.) are gone. The music is easier to read (e.g., The Happy Farmer is spread over two pages now), and there are many other improvements. We will be phasing in our use of the new books. It will take many more years for the other books to be revised however. I'll write more in a future newsletter.

---Tim Eckert, ESPS teacher

Summer Institutes

It is not too late to register for the **Calgary Suzuki Piano Summer Enrichment Program** held August 4-8. ESPS will pay for your child's tuition of \$200 (books 1-3) or \$225 (book 4 +). Please see the website www.mtroyal.ca/conservatory/registration.shtml for the form. The due date was June 1st, so please sign up as soon as possible! Students have a daily master class, group or piano ensemble class, movement class, and concerts. See also www.mtroyal.ca/conservatory/sum_suzuki.shtml for more info.

The Langley Institute (outside of Vancouver) is July 21-24 (www.langleymusic.com). ESPS will pay for your child's tuition of \$200. This also includes a daily individual lesson, group class, enrichment class, student recital, and ensemble classes for more advanced students.

Kingston, Waterloo, and Montreal all have institutes with piano. See the Suzuki Association of the Americas website at www.suzukiassociation.org for more info. There are also dozens of institutes in the USA. Institutes are a very motivating program, and the teachers encourage you to consider attending one.

2008/09 Calendar	Workshops, Institutes, Festivals
	November 8 & 9: Fall Institute
	Saturday, April 18, 2009: Spring Festival
	Graduation Ceremonies
	Sunday, October 26, 2008
	Sunday, January 18, 2009
	Sunday, March 1, 2009
	Sunday, May 31, 2009
	Recitals
	Sundays, February 8 and 22, 2009
Sundays, June 7 and 14, 2009	
Groups' Concert	
May 24, 2009	

ESPS Lending Library

To assist our families with further education, we are establishing a lending library. If you have ideas for CDs, books or other item that we could purchase for our collection, please contact Kim, ESPS Administrator, at 488-0548 or e-mail: administrator@edmontonsuzukipiano.ca

June 2008 Graduation

Congratulations to the following students for their hard work and well-deserved graduations:

Volume 1

Zachary Baranowski
Kary Chen
Joshua Cheng
Connor Chin
Luke Hanson
Finley Hollihan
Hediyeh Khani-Hanjani
Patrick Kowalik
Evan Makar
Isaac Makar
Moira Percival
Camille Preston
Omar Wehbe
Maya Zilkie

Volume 2

Ryo Cifra
Kevin de Haan
Klaudia Kowalik
Matthew Lee
Delane Linkiewich
Kathy Nguyen
Miranda Normey
Christopher Otto
Jacob Paetsch
Daley Schneider
Maeva Toal
Bao Williamson
Colin Zhou

Volume 3

Annika Hanson
Frederic Sauve-Hoover

Volume 4

Liesl Sham
Victor Weir

Volume 6

Tracie Kikuchi