

## July 2010 MSW Newsletter

Summer is in full swing now and so are the summer camps and classes at MSW. We have finished two of our camps which were "The Lee Venters Annual Drum Camp" and "The Next Teen Idol Camp." The kids had a blast and really learned a lot! Hopefully, we'll see them all here next summer.

Now, we are starting our Jam Rock Camp which is our week long version that runs in the mornings from the 5<sup>th</sup> thru the 9<sup>th</sup> with a final performance at Mayfaire. They will be playing with our Jam Rock School band, "Leave It to Beiber." This will be an awesome experience for the kids to not only perform, but to perform together on the same stage. The younger kids in the week camp are looking forward to not only playing, but to hanging out and meeting the older kids. They are really psyched about it.

Later this month we will be having another week long Jam Rock Camp for all ages. It will be held from Monday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, thru Friday, July 30<sup>th</sup> with the final performance at Mayfaire. If you know anyone interested, have them give us a call, we'd love to have them.

Besides the camps, we are still busy teaching lessons and our enrollment is continually increasing. This is a wonderful thing but, has made us think about enforcing a few policies we didn't have to before. One of them is the 24 hour cancellation policy, if you are going to be gone, please let us know at least 24 hours in advance so we can plan accordingly. If something comes up at the last minute, also let us know so we can make other arrangements. We have run into people not calling and not showing up so we are diligently trying to alleviate the stress the instructors are feeling from this. If you can notify us 24 hours in advance, then we can get a make-up date, if not, then you are responsible to pay for the missed lesson without a make-up option. We understand there are always circumstances that come up and we will be as receptive to those as we can.

We are pleased to announce that we will be part of the "Across the Canvas Chautauqua" on Friday the 27<sup>th</sup> and Saturday the 28<sup>th</sup> of August. A Chautauqua (pronounced "sha- TAW- kwa") is a family education movement in the United States, highly popular in the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. Chautauqua assemblies expanded and spread throughout rural America until the mid-1920s. The Chautauqua brought entertainment and culture for the

whole community, with speakers, teachers, musicians, entertainers, and specialists of the day. Former U.S. President Theodore Roosevelt was quoted as saying that Chautauqua is "the most American thing in America."

The theme of this event is the arts. There will be actors and actresses, singers, and songwriters, and all sorts of performance from bands to hoop fitness to comedians. There will also be booths and games and food for everyone. This will be a fun activity for the whole family to enjoy. If you are interested in tickets, call us at the school and we can give you the details. If you are interested in being a sponsor for this event, please give us a call. Across The Canvas will be donating a portion of the proceeds to several charities including the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and the Ovarian Cancer National Alliance.

As always, we appreciate your support as we could not do this without you. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns or feedback about any of our programs. Thank you and we'll see y'all real soon.

Sincerely,

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