

GREAT NEWS!!

There is a super fun club on Wednesday afternoons – the Suzuki Violin Club (SVC)!

WHAT

[Suzuki](#) violin is a method that involves teaching students to play by ear. It relies on the same principles used to learn how to speak when very young: listen; repeat; say (or play) it yourself. This method does not require students to learn how to read music – yet. Instead it focuses on technique and ear/listening development. Students who start with this method generally become extremely good players. An integral part of the plan is parent or care-giver involvement. Parents are encouraged to get a violin and learn with their child but must at least attend SVC with their child in order to follow through at home. The most important prep for the first class is listening to the CD - see below. Students who do not have private teachers need a parent who is willing to follow through at home.

WHO

SVC is open to all aged elementary children but is primarily geared towards younger children (preK – 3rd grade). LAPS and home-schooled students are welcome. I have years of experience and Suzuki certification and have taught all over the world – including Manhattan School of Music. Here at LAPS I teach at Aspen, Barranca, Mountain, LAMS and LAHS.

WHY

Numerous studies have shown that children who begin to play an instrument at a young age do better academically later in life. Music early in life greatly stimulates all areas of the brain. Also, with stringed instruments, in order to truly gain mastery of the instrument, starting at a young age is ideal.

WHERE/WHEN

Wednesday afternoons, 4 - 4:30pm, LAHS, room 115, B wing, orchestra/band rehearsal room.

HOW MUCH

SVC charges a nominal fee. Students are requested to pay the first payment of \$120 in September and the final payment of \$150 in January. All checks should be made out to me, Michelle Rosette. Pay \$250 for the year in full and in cash and receive a discount (\$20). I will give you a receipt. Students will need a violin of appropriate size. The best small violins I have seen come from [Robertson and Sons Violin Shop](#) in Albuquerque. The monthly rental rates are reasonable and instruments are good quality. Robertsons can ship in the mail as well. There are other options in town and in Santa Fe but I have not seen small violins from those shops. Generally instruments purchased online won't stay in tune and fall apart very quickly. Please also purchase Suzuki Violin Book 1 with the CD (available on Amazon). The most important thing to do on a daily basis is play the violin (even if only for a few minutes) and listen to that CD.

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