



Upcoming Events:

Feb 4-- Art Day, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Feb 6-- Banner Good Samaritan Performance, 5 p.m., please sign up at Check-In Desk

Feb 11-- Art Competition submission deadline

Feb 11-- Muir String Quartet Master Class, 10 a.m.

Feb 11-- FAFSA workshop, ***new time*** 1p.m., please RSVP

Feb 21-25-- Open Class and Parent Conferences Week, all week

Feb 25-- Campus Clean-Up Morning, 7 a.m.-10 a.m.



Open Class and Parent Conferences Week

Open Class and Parent Conferences Week will be February 21-25. Please plan on attending class with your child. This will be a wonderful opportunity for parents to observe a class where they will learn how they can help their children be successful in their musical studies. We will discuss best methods for practicing and how it is important to listen to classical music in the home.

Last semester, we conducted a survey following Open Class Week.



Thank you to all the parents who participated! We listened to your feedback, and this semester, each instructor will make an effort to have individual parent conferences to give you one-on-one feedback about your child's progress.

A few reminders to ensure a successful week:

- Please do not bring food or drink on campus
- Please be on time for lessons
- Please turn off cell phones during the lesson
- Please be prepared with questions for the teacher

From the Director

Dear Families:

What a great start to this very busy semester! I hope all of our students will participate in our Art Competition- it is a wonderful way for our students to express their creativity through visual art. And, I am looking forward to Open Class & Parent Conference Week at the end of February. During this week each parent attends class with their child. Each teacher will be giving you information about your child's musical progress and about expectations for the class.

On Feb. 18 I will be playing 100 holes of golf in a Rosie's House fundraiser. YES - 100 holes! Each year this fundraiser raises \$25,000 for the students of Rosie's House. If you would like to support our cause please consider making a tax-deductible donation. No amount is too small - I am trying to raise \$24 a hole! Each child's music lessons represents \$1,000 in expenses - with the support of the community we make the gift of music possible for our students. To go to

my pledge page visit <https://rhg.dojiggy.com> and click on pledge for a golfer. You will see my name listed. Or, at the Student Check-In Desk you can make a donation using our Rosie's House Donation Form!

Thank you for your support, and for believing in the power of music education!

Sincerely,

Ms. Becky Bell
Executive and Artistic Director



FAFSA Workshop

Understanding the college admissions process can be very confusing. And then there's the matter of paying for college. You may find yourself asking some of the following questions:

- How and when should my child apply to college?
- How can he or she find scholarships?
- What is the FAFSA and how can it help?

Since we have so many college-bound students at Rosie's House, we want to help simplify the financial aid process. We

would like to invite all our high school juniors and seniors (and anyone else who would like to participate) to a workshop in which we will go through the in's and out's of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The workshop will include a basic introduction of the FAFSA, detailed tips on how and when to fill it out, and why it is so important to your child's college application process.

Our FAFSA Workshop will be held on Saturday, February 11, starting at 1:00



p.m. on the campus of Rosie's House. Save time after the event, because

seniors can go to ASU Downtown starting at 2:00 to get one-on-one assistance filing the FAFSA from career professionals-- all for free! Since we will be handing out materials to all participants, **please RSVP to** program@rosieshouse.org so we can be sure to have enough.

Parents, if you have not signed up for volunteer hours, or you have forgotten what you signed up for, please ask our Site Supervisor at the Check-In desk.

Please remember to complete 4 service hours per child in our program each semester.

Muir String Quartet Master Class



In partnership with the Phoenix Chamber Music Society and Rosie's House, students will receive instruction from members of the Muir String Quartet during an inspiring master class.

The master class, which is essentially a lesson given in front of an audience, is open to the public.

Join us and watch as students hone their skills and enhance their musicality through the guidance of these world-class musicians. To learn more about the Muir String Quartet, go to:

www.muirstringquartet.org/

Details: Saturday Feb. 11, 10 a.m.—11 a.m. on the Campus of Rosie's House.

Rosie's House Art Competition

This week we are holding our annual art competition. Contest rules and guidelines were handed out January 24-28 for students to work on their submissions at home. We will also have an opportunity for students to complete their pieces on campus on Saturday, February 4 from 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. with materials supplied by Rosie's

House. Drop in anytime during those hours for your student to work on their submissions with fellow students.

The deadline for submissions is February 11. Art submissions will be judged and winners in each of the following age groups will be awarded: ages 5-8, 9-12, and 13-18.

Prizes include:

- iPod Shuffle

- art supplies
- movie passes
- gift cards

We can't wait to see what your children's creative minds come up with!

