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*“The slower you play a piece, the faster you learn it.” —Suzuki Teachers EVERYWHERE!*

**Denison University Suzuki Program General Information**

- You will receive a bill from the billing department of Denison University sometime in the second or third month of the semester.
- We follow the Denison University calendar in general. Some teachers may begin or end the semester earlier or later than the University. Fall and Spring semesters are 14 weeks long.
- Each teacher has his or her own schedule for the summer, based on availability. We encourage you to take the maximum number of lessons offered during this more relaxed time of the year. (Parking is easier, too!!)
- Group class schedules are posted on the website, [suzuki.denison.edu](http://suzuki.denison.edu). If you have questions, contact your private teacher.
- We encourage recital and performance opportunities! Please speak with your teacher about possible participation.
- We will be moving into the new Eisner Performing Arts Center during Denison’s spring break, March 16-24. We are all very excited! Check with your teacher for lesson locations during this time.
- There is a lot of helpful information on [suzuki.denison.edu](http://suzuki.denison.edu)

**Be Present**

During home practice this week, keep track of the number of times you say “no” to your student. Can you reduce the number by the end of the week?

**Practice Daily**

**Practice Palooza 2019** has begun! Mark your student’s calendar each day he or she practices. Perhaps you and your family could pledge to donate \$1 per day to the Rockin Cool Freedom School we are supporting this year? Students who complete the calendar receive a prize, plus the satisfaction of improving their skills with daily practice.

**Listen to the Reference Recordings**

**“Listen like a Maniac”**

Make a CD or playlist of the piece your student is currently working on and the one after. I call this the Super CD or playlist. Listen to those two pieces 10 or more times in a row each day. If you and your student are struggling with a piece, this listening method will help immensely.

**Community**

Have you heard of the “Parents as Partners” video series on the Suzuki Association website? (<http://www.suzukiassociation.org>). Suzuki teachers from around the world have submitted videos for parents that are brief, lighthearted, and offer help and support. There are a few that are free to watch, but there is a small fee if you would like to see the whole series.