

PARENTS, DID YOU KNOW...?



Music Monday, taking place on May 4, 2015, is an initiative of the Coalition for Music Education and involves thousands of students all across North America, as well as some from the UK and Europe. At Landmark Elementary, we celebrate Music Monday by inviting family and friends to listen to our students perform a variety of musical numbers. **At LES, we believe music is important.**

Music Facts and Trivia (taken from www.musicmonday.ca/)

“The very best engineers and technical designers in the Silicon Valley are, nearly without exception, practicing musicians.”

~**The Paradox of the Silicon Savior by Grant Venerable**

“66 percent of music majors who applied to medical school were admitted, the highest percentage of any group. In comparison, there were 44 percent of biochemistry majors admitted.”

~**Physician and biologist Lewis Thomas**

“Music helps kids remember basic facts such as the order of letters in the alphabet, partly because songs tap into fundamental systems in our brains that are sensitive to melody and beat.”

~**Music It's In Your Head, Changing Your Brain, CNN**

“Albert Einstein used the violin to relax when he became stuck in his thinking process. He would play socially at local recitals or join in impromptu groups such as Christmas carolers who stopped at his home.”

~**G.J. Withrow, Einstein family friend**

“Learning and mastering a musical instrument improves the way the brain breaks down and understands human language, making music students more apt to pick up a second language.”

~**Weber, E.W., Spychiger, M & Party, J.L. (1993)**

“Music training, specifically piano instruction, is far superior to computer instruction in dramatically enhancing children’s abstract reasoning skills necessary for learning math and science.”

~**Frances Rauscher, Ph.D., Gordon Shaw, Ph.D., University of California, Irvine, 1997**

“Music is one of our greatest economic exports--second only to aerospace as North America’s most lucrative national export.”

~**C.Michael Greene, CEO, National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences**

“Music—specifically song—is one of the best training grounds for babies learning to recognize the tones that add up to spoken language.”

~**Sandra Trehub, University of Toronto, 1997**

“Approximately 90% of the brain’s motor control capabilities are devoted to the hands, mouth and throat. Learning and performing an instrument exercises the brain—not merely by developing specific music skills, but also by strengthening the synapses between brain cells.”

~**“The Music in Our Minds”, Educational Leadership, Vol.56,#3; Norman M.Weinberger**