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HAPPY NEW YEAR



REGULAR LESSONS RESUME Monday, January 5th



NewsNotes and Calendar

Just a reminder that our NewsNotes and Calendar are on our website, www.nancycree.com. You can always access information on our program or check important dates by going to our website.



Happy Birthday Mr. Mozart

This month we celebrate the birth of the most famous composer of all time, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart born January 27th, 1756. Known as a child prodigy, Mozart was composing large works by the age of six until the untimely death at age 35. His influence is felt even today, especially in the world of opera.

IMTA RECOGNITION RECITAL SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1st

**Tina's and Nancy's Students
1:00 pm & 2:30 pm**

All our IMTA student participants are expected to perform at our IMTA Recognition Recital. Each student performs their full three- or four-piece program. This recital is our dress rehearsal and a chance to see how they play in a performance setting. It is an especially important and impressive recital to have on your individual FlashDrive. Everyone is welcome to come and applaud the extra effort made by these students to further their piano performance skills.



IMTA AUDITIONS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8th University of Iowa School of Music

Our Iowa Music Teacher Association District Auditions (Contest) will be held Sunday, February 8th at the University of Iowa School of Music, located at 93 East Burlington St., downtown Iowa City.

We will have 20 students participating from the Nancy Cree Centers.

IMTA families please mark your calendars now. This event takes up at least half a day. Students need to take their theory test, warm up for their audition, and perform.

We cannot request special times for this event.



WINTER WEATHER

Bad weather always makes our busy lives more complicated for everyone.

We **do not** cancel lessons automatically if the schools cancel for the day. Many times, school is canceled with bad weather in the morning but has cleared enough for safe travel by afternoon and evening lessons. We obviously do not want to put anyone at risk. We have so many different situations with our large number of families that we have to depend on each family's own decision about when the weather is too bad to drive in for their student's piano lesson. If you'd rather not drive to lesson if the weather is bad, we could do an online lesson instead.

If all of the Nancy Cree Keyboard Learning Centers do close, you can always check with West Music or call Nancy (321-1651) anytime you are in doubt. If only one or two of our teachers are not teaching, they will do their best to call and leave each of their families a message at home or at work.

We will be using our makeup days to do as many weather-related make ups as possible.

Piano Sundays at the Old Capitol



- Sunday, March 1, 2026
Ksenia Nosikova and Studio.
- Sunday, May 3, 2026
Alan Huckleberry and Studio.

These events are open and free to the public and start at 1:30 pm.

Upcoming Events and Dates

Monday, January 19th
Make-Up Day

Tuesday, February 17th
Make-Up Day

Sunday, February 1st
IMTA Recitals

Sunday, February 8th
IMTA Auditions

