

Hello Members,

Several emails were sent in the past two weeks about the Jazz-Pop Festival. I have waited to send additional news so it will be more up-to-date.

The **October Recital Registrations are due to Natalya this coming Saturday, OCTOBER 12**. You may use the recital form on our website mtackern.com to print or print the one in the yearbook under the Forms Tab, and send it to Natalya. REMEMBER, THE FEE IS \$7 this year. Fees (one check from the teacher) may be mailed to Natalya so she will receive it before the recital day, or you must bring the fees to the recital on **OCTOBER 20**.

FOR THE UPCOMING RECITAL: Be sure to time your students' memorized piece THIS WEEK at their lesson. This must be included so the Recital Host can determine how long each recital will be.

- The October Recital is Sunday, **OCTOBER 20**
- Location: Mill Creek Christian Church, corner of Truxtun and "S" Street
- The first recital will be at 1:00 or 1:30, depending on the number of students who sign up
- Additional Recitals will continue at the next hour
- Host -- Natalya
- Refreshments -- Emily
- **Remind your students to DRESS UP nicely!!!** There is a page in the yearbook to have **parents and students sign before students perform in any recital**. It is under Tab 4 -- "Kern Branch MTAC Performance Dress Code." Please make two copies per student; ask them to sign one for you to keep for your records, then give a second copy to the student/parent for reference. *This one-time signature will be sufficient for all recitals/festivals during the year.*
- (Not Halloween costumes at this recital -- that is the next Sunday!)

Please note: There is a CHANGE in our meeting day this month. It is NOT on the 2nd Thursday as usual, but will be on the 2nd Friday (which is Friday of this week!!!), October 11 at 9:30.

- **We will meet at California Keyboards.**
- The program will be the "New Music Review" by Gail Lew. We changed the date to accommodate Gail's schedule. There is an *attachment* about her program.
- Short business meeting at 9:30 for members. If you can come to the Meeting on FRIDAY, please bring your favorite Christmas books to share ideas with each other.
- You may invite non-member teachers for the Presentation which begins at 10:00.

Jazz-Pop Festival:

- **Saturday, October 12 at California Keyboards**
- There are four recital times.
- Teachers have received their students' times from Alix Hawley.
- Students must follow the "Kern Branch MTAC Performance Dress Code."

AMSL -- Adult Students Get-Together:

- **Let Jayne know the number of people coming including spouses.**
- **Date: Sunday October 13, 4:00**
- **Place: Home of Michael Smith, 505 Panorama Drive**
- Find out what potluck dish each will bring. A main dish is not being provided by the host.
- Students may play memorized or non-memorized music.
- First-time adult student attendees are not required to play.
- Students will play first, then we'll eat the potluck dinner.

MSSL -- Music Students Service League

- **This is the Halloween dress-up recital!!!**
- **Date: Sunday, October 27.**
- Location and time to be announced.
- Music does not need to be memorized.
- **If student does not wear a costume, they must wear regular dressy recital clothes.**

Certificate of Merit -- Add new students to your list now! Then register your students for CM.

- Go to new.mtac.org and click at the top of the page on Students. Click "add student".
- To register your students for CM, go to that Student Page, click on Apply next to the Student's name.
- Once you have done that, your students will appear on your CM List -- found when you click at the top of the page on Programs, then Certificate of Merit in the drop-down box.
- **Remind your parents to open their Parent Portal.**
- Ask parents to let you know if info is correct -- or if grade or level or anything else is incorrect. The teacher may be able to correct it; if not, notify Marilyn Kaminski for help.
- **When the parent and teacher agree that the information is correct, parents may pay any time in October. THEY NO LONGER HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL NOVEMBER. Best to pay as soon as all info is correct.**
- The very latest the parents can pay is November 5 at 11:59 pm, but to avoid last-minute technical problems regarding the incorrect information, please make the changes as soon as possible, and ask parents to pay online when information is correct. *(This will avoid a parent calling you at 11:55 pm on the last day, November 5 to ask about which box to check!!! That did happen to me last year!!!)*
- I would recommend that parents pay no later than October 31. Use the extra days from November 1 to November 5 to contact Marilyn or the State Office if something is still incorrect.

HEADS-UP

THE NOVEMBER CALENDAR lists the incorrect day for our monthly meeting. It shows our meeting on Thursday, November 7, but we will meet on our regular 2nd Thursday of the month, which is Thursday, November 14. Please make that change in your Yearbook.

Announcement: I was contacted about a student looking for piano lessons on Saturdays. This student has some piano experience, is 19 years old, has Downs Syndrome, but is very functional and wants to continue her piano skills. If you are the teacher for her and you teach on Saturday, contact Dorothy for the student's contact information.

Master Class: Dr. Soo-Yeon Park, Kern Branch member and professor at CSUB, has November 16 open to give a Master Class. If you have a student who would gain from this experience, contact Dorothy with the name of the student and title/composer of the piece.

Attached is the procedure for using PayPal to pay Kern Branch fees. Thank you, Alicia.

Also attached is a flyer about the CM theme recitals for 2020: Dance. This will also be the theme of our Winter Festival. The dances can be from any time period.

Happy October! It is a busy month!

Dorothy Burgess
President, Kern Branch