



A Note from the Camp Director

Dear families,

We are at the end of our first week of Camp Levine and can't express enough how happy we are to have your campers joining us. This is our first newsletter of the summer so please take some time to look read through the updates from your site director, reminders for next week and fun pictures and updates on what your campers have been up to.

We are looking forward to another colorful week at Camp Levine. We'll see you soon!

Best,

Jazmin Goodson

Director of Camp Levine

Reminders for Week 2

Independence Day: Camp Levine will be closed this Tuesday, July 4th.

Instruments: Campers in rising 3rd grade and up bring their focus instruments to and from camp daily. Feel free to encourage your camper to practice and show you what they've learned!

Lunches/Backpacks: Your child is in rising 1st-6th grade they should only be bringing their lunch, snack, and water bottle to camp. Space is limited, so it is hard to accommodate large backpacks, particularly with older campers are traveling from classes with instruments. Pre/K changes of clothes and rest mats can stay at camp.

Late drop off: If you arrive after 9:45am, please walk your child to the camp office so we can sign them in and escort them to their class. It is the best way for us to make sure every child accounted for.

Absences/Early Pick-Up: If you are running late to drop-off, need to pick up early, or if your child will be absent, please e-mail camp.thearc@levinmusic.org.

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Camp Group Updates from the Teachers

Red Group



"The preK/K campers have been full of energy and enthusiasm! One of their favorite games this week was "whisper, talk, shout, sing" where they were given different scenarios and asked to demonstrate how they would talk in different scenarios (ex: they would **whisper** during a **recital**)."

-Jacob Jones

Piano



"Hello from Piano Lab!

I am thrilled to share the exciting highlights of our music camp this week. Our campers have been immersed in the enchanting world of piano, exploring the basics of Piano 101.

They've been busy learning important concepts like key patterns, the music alphabet, finger numbers, and, of course, how to play the piano! What's even more impressive is that they've already mastered the C major scale and created their own music using the C penta scale.

But the adventure doesn't stop here! In the weeks to come, our campers will continue their musical journey, discovering new skills and uncovering endless possibilities."

-Dr. Kim Yi

Violin



"This has been a busy week at Camp Levine for our young campers...This week, Focus and Sampler violin campers focused on posture, sound production, and bow hold and started learning how to read a few notes on the staves (corresponding to the violin strings G, D, A, E). Some even invented their own composition! In addition, Focus campers were also introduced to 3 types of rhythms (whole, half and quarter notes) as well as bow directions (down and up bows).

I have been extremely pleased by your children's attentiveness and responsiveness! Next week, we will explore the 1st finger (on the fingerboard!) and start playing in duet with piano, ho, ho!"

-Annabelle Berthomé-Reynolds

Percussion



"The kids learned the basics of music theory by playing Star Wars game this week! They practiced reading music as accurately as possible and graded themselves on their performance. If campers got a high enough score, they were able to successfully destroy the "death star!!!"

-Malcolm Taylor

Art



"Campers made a variety of beautiful crafts this week including some truly beautiful puppets (pictures attached)! We are looking forward to seeing what other beautiful creations our kids create in the coming week!"

-Tiffany Strother

Music+



"The kids have been learning music through a variety of fun games including "froggy in the middle" (picture attached) and "musical hockey!" We have also attached a Spotify playlist of fun songs that the kids have been learning or will learn in camp!"

-Lillie Jerome

Dance, Drama, and Choral

"Campers learned about acting by doing a mock audition of Green Eggs and Ham! They will build upon this by creating green eggs and ham in art class next week ☺."

-Tiffany Strother

"Our campers are natural singers! They have been working on the wonderful "fruit song" in class. They have also been loving singing the Camp Levine song, "Somewhere over the Rainbow," and other beautiful songs during our Morning Sing."

-Lillie Jerome

"Our campers loved animal dancing! They took turns dancing like their favorite animals so that their fellow campers could guess. Afterward, everyone got together and discussed which animal had the funniest and best dance routine ☺."

-Caroline Graham

Games and Sports



"The kids have been having a blast while playing a variety of games including "Skittle Sorting." In this game, campers were timed on how quickly they could put different colored Skittles in the appropriately labeled cups. They were rewarded with some delicious candy!"

-VL Buzdygon

Teen Apprentices

We are very lucky to have a **fantastic** group of teen apprentices this session!! Their names are Aydan Covin, Natalie Ogden, Jaila Houston, Valyn Deverger, Aleia Blount, and Malachi White. They have been doing a **fantastic** job of teaching campers, providing leadership, and ensuring that campers stay safe! If you see one of our TA's, please say hi and thank them for their hard work ☺. They are also multi-talented

musicians, and we're so excited to see their contributions to our final performance!!

Final Performances

Final performances for Camp Levine 2023 will be closed to parents and families. However, each performance will be recorded and uploaded to the parent portal.

Parent Portal

The Parent Portal may look a little bare now, but it will continue to be updated as camp progresses. Please take some time to explore and learn more about your child's musical adventure! This includes the parent handbook, car line maps, teacher bios, contact info, health form links, camp photos, and more. The portal will be regularly updated during the camp session.

[Camp Levine Parent Portal.](#)

Password: camplevine2023

Coffee Chats

This summer we'd like to invite our Camp Levine parents to **Wednesday Coffee Chats** from **8:15-9am** during select weeks at each campus. This is an opportunity for you to:

- connect with other parents in your camp community
- give us feedback about your child's Camp Levine experience
- learn more about Levine Music's offerings during the academic year and other ways to support your child musically

Dates are listed below:

Wednesday, July 5 at Falls Church

Wednesday, July 12 at THEARC

Wednesday, July 26 at Strathmore

Wednesday, August 2 at NW DC

For more information, check the [parent portal here!](#)

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