



## A Note from the Camp Director

Dear families,

Wow, time flies when you're having fun!

This past week was nothing short of a great time. We look forward to week 3 as we ramp up preparations for the final performances. I've really enjoyed being able to see your campers in their creative element. I'm even more excited to see what our last week of camp has in store.

Best,

*Jazmin Goodson*

Director of Camp Levine

## A Note from the Site Director

A very warm "hello" to my Camp Levine family! It has been such a pleasure serving as the Site Director at our Southeast campus during Session 1, and I am even more excited about Session 2. The students seem so thrilled to arrive at camp every day and I am proud of our highly competent staff for providing such engaging multidisciplinary content. Our campers are truly "making new friends and keeping the old."

We will be recording our culminating performance for Session 1 on Friday in the auditorium at THEARC. Although this is not a public performance, the recording will be made available to you all soon after editing is complete. We will also be holding auditions for Session 2's musical "Once on This Island" next Monday! This is one of my personal favorite musicals, so I am ecstatic about beginning rehearsals with our new staff that will be joining us next week for Session 2.

I want to thank you all for your continued commitment to the program and your communication with me. If I don't immediately have an answer, I'll try my best to get one for you! As always, feel free to reach out to me with any suggestions, questions, concerns, or positive words.

Musically,  
Austin Gaskin  
Site Director

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## Reminders for Week 3

**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.

### All-Camp & Musical Theatre Performances

All-Camp Performances are this Friday.

Due to safety precautions and space occupancy, families and friends are **not** invited this year. Campers will be performing for their camp community. Performances will be recorded and shared with families.

**All campers should wear their Camp Levine t-shirts on performance day.**

**Performance Videos:** All camp families will be emailed a link to their site & session's performance video as soon as it is available. It may take us awhile to edit and send them, but they will be on their way as soon as they are completed!

**Attendance:** Please email [camp.thearc@levinemusic.org](mailto:camp.thearc@levinemusic.org) if your camper will be missing any days during week 3. It is important to for us take this into account while we are planning the rehearsal and performance.

**Instruments:** Instruments will not travel home next Thursday afternoon

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## Camp Group Updates from the Teachers

### Red Group (PreK/K)

We are thrilled at how much our youngest campers are learning about music. Campers have been learning how to play Hot Cross Buns and Welcome to Why in the Sky for the final performance. We are so excited to hear them play later this week!

-Jacob Jones

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### Piano

Our campers have been having a blast immersing themselves in the world of music and, specifically, exploring the magic of the piano. They are venturing into the enchanting world of reading musical notes on the staff. It's a crucial skill that will deepen their understanding of how music is constructed and structured. With each new note they decode, their confidence soars, and their musicality blossoms.

Get ready for another thrilling week ahead! Our focus groups are on the verge of selecting our very own recital pieces, where each camper will showcase their blossoming skills. As they refine their techniques and polish their performances, we invite you to stay tuned for the mesmerizing showcase coming up next week! Let the harmony of summer fill the air!

-Dr. Kim Yi

## Violin

The 3rd-6th grade campers have started to explore the first finger of the left hand, learning a new hand posture and also how to make different notes on the same string. They can now read 8 notes on the staff and play them on the violin. We also had duets with the piano in all our lessons, a joy for everyone!

The 1st-2nd grade campers are developing well and their bow-hold has greatly improved. They have been introduced to playing duets with other violins and have shown themselves to be very diligent.

The Pre-K and K campers had the opportunity to build their first violin out of paper and cardboard this week, producing a magnificent variety of colorful little violins! This allowed them to discover the elements of the violin which are the bridge, the chinrest, the F-holes, the neck and the fingerboard.

Your children are particularly keen on the violin, and some are even waiting at the door with their faces pressed up against the glass! Wow! Next week, 3rd-6th grade students will work on their pieces for our final performance! Our students are very excited to share what they've learned with everyone!

-Annabelle Berthomé-Reynolds

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## Percussion

We are thrilled with the progress that our campers have been making in the percussion room! Last week, they started using the drum set and are even starting to play along with music! We can't wait to hear the fun rhythms that they will play for us during the final performance.

-Malcolm Taylor

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## Art

Last week in art class, we built beautiful houses out of popsicle sticks! Each student had the ability to add custom designs and colors to their house. We are excited for you to see their great work when campers bring them home.

-Tiffany Strother

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## 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

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## Dance, Drama, and Choral

We have been hard at work preparing for the final performance! This past week, campers auditioned for roles and started memorizing their parts. The blue group will be performing Green Eggs and Ham, the green group will be performing Pete the Cat, and the yellow and orange groups will be performing Rainbow Friends. We have been blown away by how talented our campers are at acting and we're so excited for you all to see their performances!

-Tiffany Strother

Between fun warm-ups and singing games, we've been having a lot of fun in vocal/choral class! But we haven't just been having fun! We also held auditions and are preparing for the final performance on Friday. We can't wait for you to see what we have in store!

-Lillie Jerome

Campers have been hard at work preparing fun dance routines for our final performance! We will be performing routines for Green Eggs and Ham, Somewhere Over the Rainbow, and more. We can't wait for you all to see all the progress they've been making!

-Caroline Graham

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## Games and Sports

This past week, our campers dazzled when playing balloon toss. The goal of this game is to keep a balloon in the air by hitting it back and forth with a partner as many times as possible. One group of campers had over 200 consecutive hits!! Great job!

-VL Buzzygon

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## Games Day Photos

# Games Day! Camp Levine 2023





## Teen Apprentices

Our teen apprentices have been doing a great job of making sure that campers have fun and stay safe. This past week, we added two new apprentices, Malachi White and Antonio Johnson, both of whom have been doing a great job. Please join me in giving them a Camp Levine welcome!

## 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!](#)

Visit the Camp Levine website

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