The following lists the activities and fees for 2010-2011. This year the cost to rent the recital hall at ASU will be $1500.00 and master teachers charge $75.00 - $125.00 per hour plus expenses and transportation. Your membership in the ASA-PPG with financial contributions for special events enables us to offer activities that expand your child's opportunities for learning. Thank you for participating.

_____ASA-PPG dues $30.00 per family due 9/15/2010

Paying dues entitles your child to participate in these activities. ASA-PPG provides insurance which most venues require before we can hold recitals there. It provides a 501(c)3 tax ID number so that donations are tax deductible. It connects us with the greater Suzuki world with access to the latest education information. It also provides administrative funding for our local organization.

_____Master Class with Dr. Hagberg, Nov. 12-13 $30.00 per student due 10/30/2010

In the greater piano world, master classes are given only to very advanced and "talented" students. (Your will notice that they are listed on resumes of prodigies.) We think all students can benefit from a master class every year. The master teacher's ideas enrich your child's education and often provide insights which lead to improved technical and artistic skills. In addition, we encourage you to observe the master classes of other students which is rarely allowed. Class is required for participation in graduation.

_____Graduation Recital & Trophy, April 30 $30.00 per student due at audition
Auditions: 10/02, 2/12, 4/16

The purpose of Graduation is to continually raise the level of performance of the whole community of students. Audition evaluations give the students information on how they are progressing and often provide teachers with new ideas on how to improve performance. The recital is a chance to celebrate work well done and to hear others perform at a high level. Students also hear pieces they will be learning.

_____100-Day Practice-a-thon students collect pledges sign-up deadline 11/15/10

We want to encourage all students to practice everyday as Dr. Suzuki recommended. Consistent practice enables students to accumulate good habits. Students develop accountability as they work to reach their pledge goals. Money they earn will help pay for the Play-a-thon Concert at Katzin Hall at ASU – that is the big performance hall downstairs. (Up to $30.00 of their collected pledge money can be credited for their Play-a-thon fees and an additional $30.00 can be credited for the string accompaniment if needed.)

_____Play-a-thon Recital March 5 $30.00 per student due 1/15/11
_____ Some students may have a string accompaniment. $30.00 due 1/15/11

Every student will have the opportunity to participate in a big, formal recital. We will hire professional string players to accompany some of the pieces, something usually only available to students at an advanced level. Katzin Hall (ASU downstairs) is large enough to invite many friends. Students may play in ensembles such as duets or string trios.

There will also be some performance opportunities that are free of charge such as those at assisted living facilities in various parts of the Greater Phoenix Area.

Learning to play the piano provides students with great training that helps prepare them for future endeavors. Participating in these activities gives students goals and inspires them to practice more. Parents' positive attitudes are contagious; encouraging your children and expressing your genuine delight in their progress does so much for them. We teachers look forward to working with you to provide the best opportunities possible for your children this year. Thank you.