### January 2016

#### Issue 119

- March 14-25: NO LES-SONS—Spring Break
- March 28: Lessons Resume
- April 16: Piano Party— 1:00—3:00 pm
- May 7: Recital—10:30 am—Schmitt Music
- May 21: Wild About Music Party! - 1:00—3:00 pm

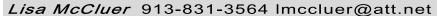
#### **MUSIC GAME TIN**



I hope you are all enjoying your music game tin! I customized the games by level so that concepts can be learned and reinforced. Please remember to play your games at home and to bring them to lessons from time to time. This counts as practice time! Now that Christmas is over, please feel free to "redecorate" your tin with decorative duct tape or however you would like. Enjoy!

## Happy Birthday!

Jan 16: Jeffrey Russell Jan 31: Kelly Vanden Bos







## WILD ABOUT MUSIC PARTY: HUGE ANNOUNCEMENT!

What can I do to make the "Wild About Music" party spectacular? Hmmm...how about bringing real wild animals to the party? YES, that is what we are going to do! These pictures are real animals from the organization that "brings the zoo to you". Don't worry, parents, they are licensed and insured, and they come to parties and educational events here in Kansas City. I am so excited about this, I can hardly wait!



The party is on Saturday, May 21st from 1:00—3:00. (Please note that this is a different day than was previously on the calendar, due to Memorial Day.) The animals will arrive at 1:30 and will be here about

an hour. There will be about 6—9 animals for us to see and learn about. I would love to see all of you there, so work hard, write your practice time down, and let's do this!

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Multi-Piano Concert on Sunday, January 10th! You all worked hard and did so well. What a memorable experience! Pictured are: Grace, Lisa, Zanderz, Mr. Reed, David, Drew, Lisa, Jeffrey, Ryan, and Roman

# PRACTICE INCENTIVE: WILD ABOUT MUSIC!

This past week, students and I have taken the time to review goals and their progress in the practice incentive. In order to complete the incentive, students must:

- 1. Earn 250 points (unless you started later than September, then it would be calculated accordingly).
- 2. Complete 10 rhythm sheets.
- 3. Perform at least once.
- 4. Compose 1 piece.
- 5. Do 4 listening assignments.

We are working together to accomplish those goals. Please plan on doing a listening assignment each week—remember that you can find links to resources on my website under the links area. Students receive prizes for each of the above components, but the final reward is our "Wild About Music" party on Saturday, May 21st. Don't miss it!

