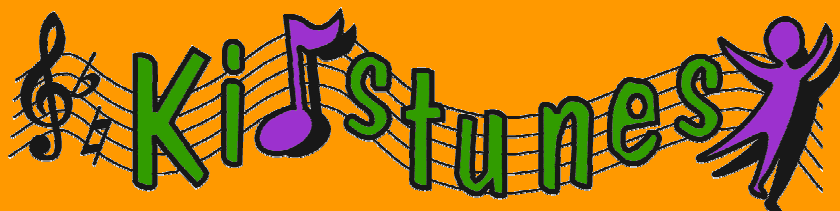


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## Musical Children



In The Making

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June 2010

### Lara's Letter

Summer is here, and things are sizzling! We look forward to an exciting season with your young ones, as well as our school-age friends who we will be working with at many Centers!

We have concluded our unit on **Moods and Styles of Music**, and will soon embark on a very special journey - "**Music Around the World!**" - by visiting many different countries to explore how children from all over the globe celebrate with music! We've collected wonderful songs, dances, musical games, unique instruments, crafts, and traditions from various cultures. Each week we will "travel" to a different venue and explore their culture. Your children will create their very own passport and receive a stamp at each destination! Parents, please send in a small picture of your child to personalize their passport. These unique mementos will come home in August. (Please let us know if your child will be leaving the school before then.)

Parents, if you have any experiences or items from another country that you would be willing to share with us during this unit, please drop us a note or call to let us know! While you can send souvenirs in with your child, the students would especially love to have you come in person to share, if possible. We hope to give our students a true **Multicultural musical** experience this summer, and first-hand knowledge can only enhance our efforts!

Watch the weekly Bulletins your *Kidstunes* Instructor posts for updates on your child's adventures in class! Then, ask them to share their newfound knowledge. Children LOVE to show off a song, dance, or even foreign words for Mom and Dad!

*"We are all far more amazing than we realize. I believe that singing makes us amazing. Every culture on the planet sings as a means of celebration--in every phrase saying, 'This is who I am!' This song creates a sense of identity; it brings us together. We are all different, but by singing this song we create a harmony from our differences. Singing this song makes us powerful! Let go of any fear you might have about singing. We can shine with an amazing light that is at its brightest when we join voices in harmony." - Nick Page, "Music as a Way of Knowing"*

This summer, have a  
**Kidstunes** Birthday Party!



### Musical Birthday Parties Include:

- ◆ A fun and exciting music-time that focuses on the birthday girl or boy
- ◆ 30 - 45 minutes of singing, playing instruments, dancing and more!
- ◆ Rights to the Kidstunes logo for use on invitations or thank you notes
- ◆ Thematic songs and activities (if requested)
- ◆ Musical crafts for all children—all participants make their own instrument (which makes great party favors!)
- ◆ Gift for the birthday girl or boy - a Kidstunes t-shirt!

Visit [www.Kidstunes.org](http://www.Kidstunes.org) or call 1-800-635-6281 for details!

## June - Music Around the World

This exciting introduction to the Kidstunes Multicultural unit takes students on a “trip” around the world! They will “visit” different countries each week to learn how children all over the globe celebrate with music! Through songs, dances, musical games, unique instruments, crafts, and traditions from cultures across all the continents, students will get a true taste of many venues. They will even have their very own “passport” and receive a stamp upon arrival at each destination! Parents and teachers, if you have any items or experience from another country that may help us with this unit, and you’re willing to share, please let us know! Your first-hand knowledge, artifacts, and involvement will truly enhance our journey! We have LOTS of fun with this series and aim for a truly multicultural experience for all!!

### Kidstunes welcomes:

- ♪ Sherry Grant - New Instructor, Apex/Cary
- ♪ Kim Futrell - New Home Office Manager

### Special Recognition:

- ♪ Melanie Ide - FIVE years with Kidstunes (April 2010)!
- ♪ Elena Lazaro - THREE years with Kidstunes (June 2010)!

### **Kidstunes is looking for qualified teachers!**

Please call us or visit [www.Kidstunes.org](http://www.Kidstunes.org) if you are interested in joining the Kidstunes family!

## Reminder:

**Payment is due by the 10th to avoid a late fee!**

## Musical Moments

Make family music a part of your routine this summer! Listed below are some suggestions for incorporating music into the hectic schedule of swimming lessons, family vacations, sports activities, and all that comes along with these steamy months!

- ♪ Make simple rhythm instruments from every-day materials (visit our web site for ideas).
- ♪ Check out a book on a musical subject from your local library.
- ♪ Attend an outside musical per-

formance and discuss the instruments/voices involved. Be an active participant, if possible.

- ♪ For long trips in the car, have a sing-a-long. Take turns teaching each other new songs, or make up your own!
- ♪ Purchase or make a set of streamers, ribbons, or scarves. Bring a CD player outside and spread out in the yard. Play music in a variety of moods / styles and explore the magic of music and movement!

## Hello to All the Children of the World

Your child will be speaking in different languages soon! Throughout the summer, we learn songs in other languages. One of the children’s favorites is an opening song that shows how children from different countries say “Hello”! Yes, they DO learn to sing all of these words! See if you can sing it—or just chant it— with them at home!

Hello, Bonjour (French), Buenos Dias (Spanish).

G’Day (Australian), Guten Tag (German), Kon Nichi Wa (Japanese)!  
Ciao (Italian), Shalom (Hebrew),  
Dobre Dyen (Russian).

Hello to all the children of the world!

# SUMMER