

## ***Private Lesson Materials and Studio Policies***

### Locations:

Becky Weidman teaches flute lessons in Gunnison and Crested Butte, CO.

### **Required Materials:**

- A flute in good repair/working order
- A cleaning rod and cloth
- A music stand for practice at home
- An inexpensive metronome
- A tuner (required after one year of study for flute and for all piccolo students)
- Sheet music and other materials as indicated by the instructor.  
(Photocopies are not expected to be a permanent replacement for original copies of music)
- A lined notebook to keep track of lesson assignments
- A three ring binder with divider tabs

### **Lesson Structure and Goals:**

Private lessons are a great way to have fun and more importantly give you extra one-on-one flute instruction. We will work on:

- Tone production, scales, and technical studies.
- Band music, audition music such as All-State, chair test music, and music for solo and ensemble contests.
- Sight-reading and duets.

### **Missed Lessons and Cancellations:**

Students are assigned a set lesson time for the semester. If a lesson needs to be cancelled or rescheduled a *minimum* of 24 hours notice is required (emergencies excepted). Please call my cell phone so that I will receive notice of any schedule changes promptly. If the student is sick from school or for any other reason misses a lesson and the teacher has not been notified in advance, the parent **will** be responsible for the cost of that lesson.

Lessons that are cancelled with at least 24 hours notice may be rescheduled or credited to the next month. While I do my best to keep up to date on the band/school schedule, please realize I may not be aware of field trips, after school rehearsals, concerts,, etc., so advance notice regarding these changes will facilitate rescheduling and be greatly appreciated.

### **Payment:**

Payments are due at the first lesson of each month and may be made in one of two ways: by mailing to my home address or sending it with the student to their lesson. Please note: if you choose to mail payments to my home or have it sent from your bank it is still due by the first lesson of the month so please plan accordingly. For your convenience, lessons will be billed for one month at a time and I will email the new bill during the last week of each previous month. However, it is the responsibility of the parent to make payments on time. If additional payment arrangements are necessary please contact me in advance.

**Late Fees:**

Any payment received after the first lesson of the month is considered late and will be subject to a mandatory \$10 late fee.

**Practice:**

Aside from lessons, regular practice is the most important part of musical study. Daily practice is expected with one day off each week, as students will improve much faster with consistent and regular practice. Parents should encourage practice, as well as, assist in acquiring required materials in a reasonable amount of time. A minimum of 30 minutes daily is required for 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> grades and 45 minutes to 1 hour daily for high school students. If you have any questions regarding your lesson assignments during the week feel free to contact me at home or through email so that you can make the most of your practice.

**Resources for sheet music and supplies:**

When ordering music, please make sure it is in stock. Music stores will offer to back-order music for you, but it may take a long time to arrive and in this instance, it is probably better to order from another location.

- Carol Nussbaum Music Company 1-877- FLUTE4U
- Flute World (248) 855-0410 (Discount for National Flute Association members)

**Questions:**

Parents are more than welcome to stop in to meet me or listen to their child's lesson and, as always, if you have any questions regarding your child's progress please do not hesitate to contact me.

I look forward to working with you and hope that flute lessons are an enjoyable musical experience for you.