



## SUZUKI SCHOOL OF NEWTON

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Dear Suzuki families,

Compassion is a trait that Dr. Suzuki intended to cultivate when he set out to train future “good citizens” of the world. It is important for our students not only to feel how lucky they are that so many educational opportunities are available to them, but also to discover that they have the power with just their musical skills to raise money to give lessons to other children who are less fortunate than them.

The Playathon is a fundraiser for our need-based James Thornblade Memorial Scholarship Fund. Thanks to the hard-working students who participated in the last two Playathons, we raised over \$11,000 for scholarships!

To encourage a commitment to practicing and to altruism, we invite students and ensembles to participate in our third Suzuki Playathon on Sunday, June 11, 2017. Along with their teachers, students choose 1-3 pieces to practice during the period from June 1 – June 10. They pledge that they will practice those pieces every single day for the ten-day period (hence the title *playathon!*) and collect donations from sponsors (family, friends, etc.) who wish to encourage their practicing endeavor. Finally, students perform with their group classes in the Playathon Recital on June 11 at the Chestnut Hill Mall.

To help you participate in the Playathon, here are a few guidelines.

1. Register at [www.suzukinewton.org/playathon2017.html](http://www.suzukinewton.org/playathon2017.html) by Friday, May 26.
2. Collect Donations with the Pledge Form. Things to tell your sponsors:
  - a. You are raising money for the Suzuki School of Newton’s scholarship fund.
  - b. You’ll practice your pieces every day from June 1 to 10.
  - c. Invite them to the Playathon performance on June 11.
  - d. Tell them about your Suzuki School. Talk about your classes, concerts outside and at the school, and what playing your instrument means to you.
3. Practice and Perform!

Even if you aren’t available to come to the recital on June 11, you can still participate in the Playathon by doing the practice pledge challenge.

Everyone wins when we do a Playathon!

Sachiko