

Learn a Musical Instrument



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Hello everybody, today I want to tell you why everybody should learn to play an instrument.

Everybody should learn how to play an instrument because it had

been proven that knowing how to play an instrument increases your memory, math skills, and improves reading and comprehension skills. Also, playing an instrument can greatly improve your social skills. I have been playing the cello, which is a larger instrument than the violin and produces a way lower tone, for four years. I really enjoy playing the cello because it gives me a chance to make new friends that play the same instrument.

That's all for this week, Until Next Time. Go Austin High Maroons!

Easter/Resurrection Day



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"I didn't know Easter was when Jesus was born!", my friend said out loud. "You didn't know that?" someone else replied. "No, I don't go to church." my friend said. "What! People still go to church?" someone else asked... As I listened to this conversation during class, I got more and more confused, and more and more upset. I didn't understand why,

or how, so I just listened. Easter is not when Jesus was born, Easter is a celebration of Jesus' resurrection from death, and crucifixion. It is the most important holiday on the Christian calendar.

The resurrection was to represent that good replaces evil and sin. My Easter was fulfilling. I awoke at 5:25am to attend my church's (Simpson United Methodist Church) sunrise service with my mom and then two more services afterwards. I participated in a youth and children's play while also praise dancing. I went home to take a nap then I enjoyed a delicious dinner with my family. I had a lot of fun, but during the day I remembered the importance of it all. Never lose sight of the importance of things. Sometimes you have to take a big image and zoom in to see the details.

The Get Down Review



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Netflix has come a long way as a company since its birth. Netflix initially started as a company that would allow its users to rent DVD's and get them shipped to their homes. Now Netflix is an Internet based company that allows its subscribers to access thousands of movies and tv shows from any supporting mobile device. Netflix is very popular with teenagers as it is known for producing shows and movies that rapidly gain a large youth fan base.

One of my favorite shows on Netflix is called The Get Down. The Get Down is a series that tells the story of a young group of high school students and their passion for making a new style of music, hip hop. The show takes place in the Bronx, New York, specifically in a bad neighborhood with deep African American and Puerto Rican roots. In this

neighborhood there are gangs, crime mobs, violence, and political corruption. In all of this the main character Ezekiel Figuero, or Zeke, meets up with a drug dealer who enjoys mixing records on the side, named Shaolin Fantastic. Zeke is a smart young man with a knack for writing poetry, when he meets up with Shao the two begin to create and grow their musical skills into something that they will call The Get Down. Zeke gets his best friends involved to join Shao and himself and together they become one of the first hip hop groups known as The Get Down Brothers.

Throughout their time developing their music the boys must battle the harsh ways of the streets the live on while trying to move forward in the next stages of their lives. The Get Down is an amazing show that has elements of love, violence, music, and family all wrapped up into one. The character development and plot development are executed very well and the end of each episode just has the audience begging for another. I highly recommend this show for high school boys and girls.

"The Hate You Give" Review



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Sixteen year old Star is basically living in two worlds, one is a gang-ravaged neighbourhood where she was born and still lives in with her fam-

ily. The other is Williamson Prep, the suburban, mostly white high school where Starr and her brothers go. But keeping the two lives disconnected is not only exhausting but it feels more and more like the type of separation that is determined by pressure than belief. The book that shows the conflict between Home Star and school Star. That same conflict is one that also afflicts her parents, her older brother Seven, her beloved uncle Carlos. Home, community and, personal responsibility are themes that are beautifully built within the story.

Earth's Atmosphere



Montrae Nelson
Four Points M. S.

Did you know the that the earth has more than one atmosphere? They have different abilities also and id like tho tell you about them. Earth's atmosphere can be divided into five main layers excluding the exosphere, the troposphere, stratosphere, mesosphere and

thermosphere. The Troposphere is the lowest region of the atmosphere extending from the earth's surface to the lowest boundary of the Stratosphere. The Stratosphere is the layer of the earths atmosphere extending 32 miles above the earth's surface. The Thermosphere is the region that is below the height at which the atmosphere ceases to the properties of a continuous medium. Finally the Mesosphere is the region above the Stratosphere and below the Thermosphere. The exosphere is just the outermost region of a planets atmosphere. Thank you for reading

Generation Z Singing Talent Show

CASTING CALL FOR TEEN SINGERS! AGES 13-19

Do you know a TEEN that is ready to tap into his or her dream of singing? We welcome ALL TEEN SINGERS to come audition for this major opportunity to be in front of local producers and other inspiring recording artists, Saturday, May 20, 2017 from 12:30 PM to 3:30 PM. We want to encourage the youth to pursue their dreams. The music industry has its rewards and challenges. We want to mentor the youth about the industry, what to expect, and how to be successful in it. Help us kick off our 1st Annual Generation Z Singing Talent Show in Austin!

AUDITIONS: What to expect FIRST 40 contestants will be given the opportunity to sing for the panel of judges (or as time permits).

The TOP 20 will be chosen and each will be placed into categories by age and genre. The categories will be determined by the contestants auditioning, most popular are: R&B, Pop, Jazz, Spiritual/Gospel, and Hip Hop.

FREE to Audition. You will be singing acapella at Auditions. Music / Song must be 3 minutes long at Auditions, longer time is permitted for the Talent Show.

SOLO artists and GROUPS are welcome. Your photo will be taken and your audition will be recorded. Talent Show Contestants will be announced JUNE 1st. Under the age 18, must be accompanied with parent / guardian.

TALENT SHOW: The Generation Z Sing-

ing Talent Show is tentatively set for Saturday, July 15, 2017. We will review your music before the show date. If you change your music before the show date and after provided to us, you are REQUIRED to provide notification

of the change asap or you will be immediately disqualified.

Other profound recording artists will be performing and giving encouraging word.

Food / Snacks will be provided for sale.

LIMITED VENDOR OPPORTUNITY:

We will have limited vendor opportunities available, if you will like a spot to showcase your services or products at the Talent Show please email info@mission-accomplished.org. Accepting up to 10 vendors. Reserve your spot today, (512) 588-3321.

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