

Welcome To Little Ukers!

2009 / 2010

****If you are not planning on participating in the program this year, please disregard this package.****

Welcome to Island Ukuleles and the Little Ukers program. We are excited to be able to continue to offer Little Ukers at two locations for the 2009-2010 season. Little Ukers will run at both **Braefoot Elementary School** and **Oak Bay High School**.

The “Little Ukers” method books continue to be available from Larsen Music and from Island Ukuleles (pricing is slightly cheaper when purchased directly through Island Ukuleles - \$13). These are custom designed books geared toward primary age students. The books focus on music reading skills, ukulele playing skills, and basic music theory. The books include many graphics and learning tips to help the students achieve each skill.

Your instructors for 2009-2010 will be: Melissa McKnight, Melanie Leask, Matthew Martin, Claire Kaufman, Patrick Cowden, Dallen Russell, Jacqueline Czar and Nadine Benson and many Island Ukuleles A-1 ensemble members. Additional instructors may be added throughout the year. We are all looking forward to meeting you and sharing in music. Enjoy the rest of the summer and we will see you in October!

Enclosed please find a:

1). **“Most Important” Information**

*Includes information on program locations and times, session dates, class size limit, uniforms, materials, etc.

2). **Year Schedule**

*Term 1 and Term 2 Schedule

3). **Registration Form**

*There is a registration form enclosed. Registration Fees are due at the beginning of September and January. Spaces are limited. Please register early.

**\$35 – per term (\$30 for second child in Island Ukuleles).

***Term 1 cheque should be post dated September 15, 2008. Term 2 cheque should be post dated January 1, 2009.

****Please complete and return to: Island Ukuleles

c/o Melissa McKnight
3816 Mildred St
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Most Important!!

***If you will be registering for the 2009-2010 season, please let Melissa know by email (melmck@valleyis.com) or by phone (250-858-3407) ASAP so that a place will be held!**

1). Location / Class Size Limit / Dates

**Little Ukers* will be offered at both Braefoot Elementary School and Oak Bay High School for the 2009-2010 season. Braefoot meets Tuesday nights from 6:00-7:00 p.m. and Oak Bay meets Monday nights from 6:00-7:00 p.m. Both locations will offer two groups with a maximum class size of eight students per group. If additional instructors are available, extra classes may be offered at each location. The program will run for two 9-week terms. Each term will include eight lessons and a wrap-up concert.

****Term 1 runs from October 5 (Oak Bay – no class October 12) or October 13 (Braefoot) to December 7**

****Term 2 runs from January 4/5 to March 1**

(Please note: registrations are coming in and the spaces are filling quickly!)

2). Materials:

****"Little Ukers Level 1" and "Little Ukers Level 2" (Music Reading Books) are available through Island Ukuleles (\$13) or Larsen Music (Level 2 – approx. \$20).**

****Ukulele: can be purchased from Larsen Music or Long & McQuade. Prices range from \$20-\$60. Kindergarten and grade 1 students are best with a soprano size ukulele. Grade 2 and 3 students may prefer a concert size ukulele (a bit bigger size). Please have the music store re-string the "A" string to a "low A". Empire Music (an online music company – www.empire-music.com) also offers a quality beginner ukulele in many colors for approx. \$25-\$40.**

***** Ukuleles are available for students to use if they do not have their own. Priority will be given to first time students.**

3). Uniform

***Black pants or skirts and a *Little Ukers* t-shirt (will be available in October and February at a cost of \$13).**

4). General Information on *Island Ukuleles*

***General information about the *Island Ukuleles* program can be accessed on our website: www.islandukulele.org**

****The website includes information about the history of Island Ukuleles, our purpose, our credits, the programs we offer, past trips and concerts, newsletters, upcoming dates, etc.**

Schedule

Term 1 – 8 rehearsals and 1 performance

October 5	First rehearsal at Oak Bay
October 12	NO REHEARSAL for Oak Bay (Thanksgiving)
October 13	First rehearsal at Braefoot
October 19/20	Regular Rehearsal
October 26/27	Regular Rehearsal
November 2/3	Regular Rehearsal
November 9/10	Regular Rehearsal
November 16/17	Regular Rehearsal
November 23/24	Regular Rehearsal
November 30/Dec 1	Regular Rehearsal
December 7	Island Ukuleles Performance – 7 p.m. at Oak Bay High School

Term 2 – 8 rehearsals and 1 performance

January 4/5	First rehearsal at Oak Bay or Braefoot
January 11/12	Regular Rehearsal
January 18/19	Regular Rehearsal
January 25/26	Regular Rehearsal
February 1/2	Regular Rehearsal
February 8/9	Regular Rehearsal
February 15/16	Regular Rehearsal
February 22/23	Regular Rehearsal
March 1	Ukuleles Unlimited Performance – 7:30 p.m. at UVic Centre

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