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Dear Families of Ms. Zaira's Piano Students,

It is with much sadness that I inform you that Ms. Zaira will not be returning to the Music Prep School next semester. In order to accommodate this change, we have had to adjust next semester's piano schedule. Please read through this letter and if you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me by phone or email. All these changes will take place **spring semester, January 21-May 6, 2017**. Your remaining classes this semester are the same, and our final day of classes will be December 9/10.

Spring Semester 2017, Piano 1 Semester 2 – students of Ms. Zaira

- There will be no more Friday classes
- All continuing Piano 1 students should register for any of the Saturday Piano 1, Semester 2 classes at 9:00-9:45, 10:00-10:45 or 11:00-11:45.
- I'm thrilled to introduce Ms. Bethany Viekman as our Piano 1, Semester 2 teacher. Bethany is a recent Department of Music graduate in Music Education and Piano. She will be a wonderful addition to the Music Prep School! We will let you know about piano books soon.
- Ms. Stephanie's Piano 1, Semester 2 students, ages 9 and up, will continue on Saturdays, 12:00-12:45
- **All Piano 1, Semester 2 students**, must register for spring semester on our website: musicprep.unm.edu

Spring Semester 2017, Piano 1 Semester 1 for BRAND NEW BEGINNERS, ages 5-8

- Piano 1, Semester 1 for ages 5-8, Saturdays 8:00-8:45
- If you know anyone who wants to start piano now, we will have a class for brand new beginners taught by Holly Gilster. Holly has been teaching early childhood classes at the Music Prep School since it's beginning and is a well-loved member of our staff.
- Register at musicprep.unm.edu

Spring Semester 2017 Piano 2 & 3 – students of Ms. Zaira

- There will be no more Friday classes
- All Piano 2 & 3 students will move into Stephanie Kaylan's Saturday classes.
 - Piano 2 at 1:00-1:45,
 - Piano 3 at 2:00-2:45.
- Stephanie has been teaching at the Music Prep School since it began in 1993 and has taught many, many students in that time!
- *Since all Piano 2 & 3 students paid for two semesters when you registered for fall semester, if you are unable to make this adjustment, for any reason, we will refund your second semester tuition or apply it to another class – such as the UNM Children's Chorus, or Guitar for brand new beginners or Marimba band. Please contact me if you would like to discuss this further, or if you will require a refund.*

- Stephanie uses different books than Zaira used (see list at the end of this letter). There may be some shuffling between Piano 2 & 3 on the first days of classes - to be sure we get your student into the right level, depending on Stephanie's expectations.
- **Piano books for Piano 2 & 3 with Stephanie Kaylan** – these books can be found at Music Mart or online:

Piano 2, Semester 2 –

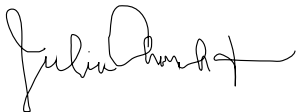
1. *Step by Step Piano Course*, Edna Mae Burnham - Book 3 (yellow book)
2. *Favorite Classic Melodies*, James Bastien, Level 1 (Purple)

Piano 3, Semester 2 =

1. *Step by Step Piano Course*, Edna Mae Burnham - Book 3 (yellow book)
2. *Favorite Classic Melodies, Level 1*, James Bastien (Purple)
3. *Favorite Classic Melodies, Level 2*, James Bastien (Blue)

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we adapt to this change and work to provide the best possible music classes for your young musician.

Musically yours,



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