

12 Tips to Help Any PARENT SUPPORT THEIR MUSICAL CHILD

(Even if You Don't Have a Clue About Piano)



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AN INTRODUCTION

Once upon a time, there was a parent who admittedly had absolutely no musical ability whatsoever. Her child, however, had expressed that her only wish in the world was to learn how to play the piano like Alicia Keys. This parent searched for piano teachers, was brought to my website, and proceeded to text me. I answered that text and it has not been the only text of this kind I have answered.

I have found that parents also need direction on how to approach piano lessons. How do you take an active role in your child's education when you don't have a musical fiber in your body? It's not as tough as you may think – and, better yet, it doesn't have to be painful!



Here are a few ways you can help your child throughout their musical journey:



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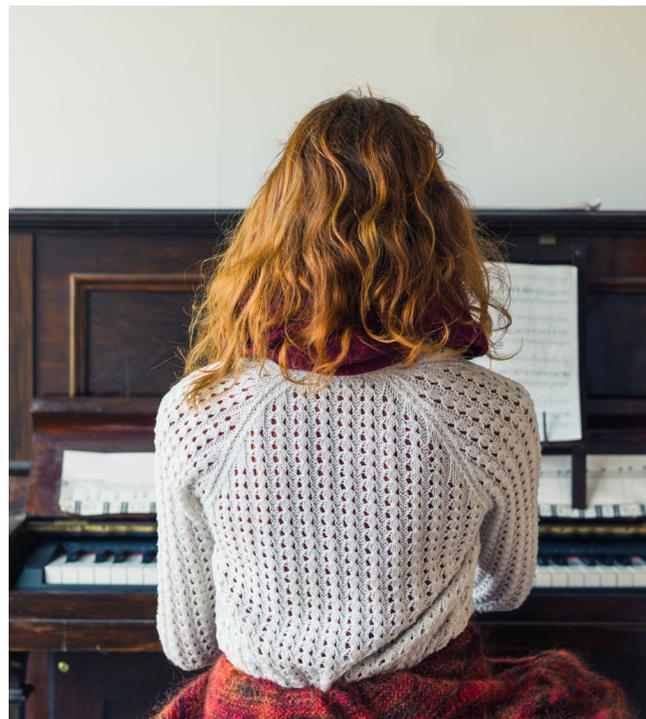
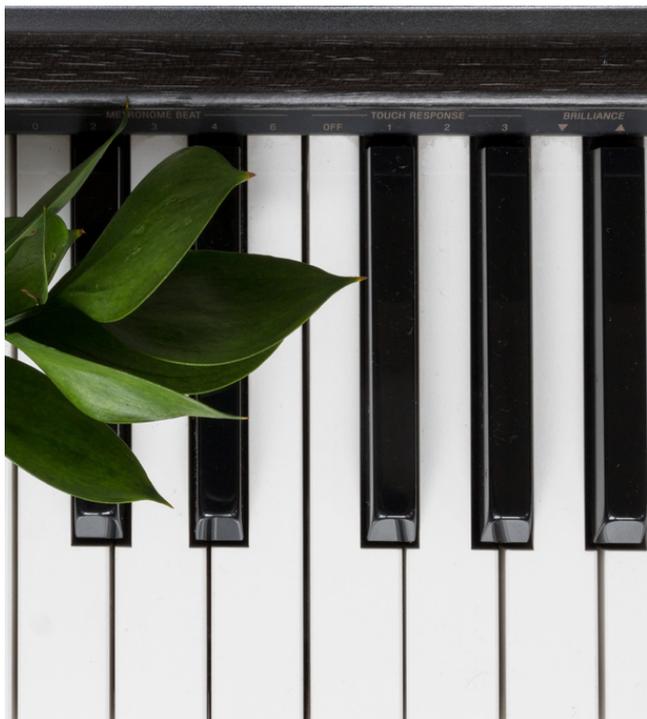
Be Enthusiastic

Be enthusiastic about their interest in music and celebrate their decision to take lessons.

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Don't Be Afraid to Ask the Teacher Questions

Ask what you can do to help at home. Remember, the only dumb questions are the ones not asked!



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Attend the Piano Lessons With Your Child if They Are Very Young

Being left alone with a new person in a strange setting can be hard on little ones so attending lessons shows your support and it makes the lessons less stressful. If you have an older child who doesn't necessarily need you there, make a point to ask all about how each lesson went when the lesson ends.

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Provide a Good Time and Place for Your Child to Practice

Sit down and set up a schedule that you both can reference each day so you know when practice is supposed to happen, just like a routine. It will help with accountability also because your child helped create the schedule. Your child's instructor will also be able to identify items that will be helpful for practice (i.e. music stand, metronome, tuner).

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Support Your Child by Positively Reinforcing Habitual Practicing

A practice chart with stars for days practiced always helped me in the beginning – depending on how many stars I had meant something special (i.e. 25 stars means a movie rental, 50 stars might be going to a special place they love).

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Get Involved in a Booster Club or Parent's Group

Get involved in a booster club or parents' group that relates to your musical child. If you drop your child off while another parent is picking up, maybe spark up a conversation. See what they may be doing at home works. Meetup.com is also a fantastic resource – and if there isn't already a group, start one!



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Shout It From the Rooftops When They Accomplish a Goal

It fuels them for their next goal by letting them know how great an accomplishment it was, that you understand how much work it was and how PROUD you are that they achieved their goal.

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Take It One Step Further – Brag

(preferably in front of your child)! Private praise is great, but hearing you brag proudly to other adults is such a confidence booster for a child. Don't force them to play for others as a way of bragging though. I know from experience that that was not something I looked forward to and put a lot of pressure to play perfectly.

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Don't Rule Out Playing Yourself

If you can't sing or read music, select something that doesn't require it. Triangle, maracas, bongos – there are plenty of options that you can use to “jam” with your child. You might feel silly, but it will be one of those bonding experiences your child will appreciate beyond words and remember forever!

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Do Not Miss Their Performances

DO NOT – under ANY circumstance – miss their performances, especially the very first one. To them, these are their championships! They've worked really hard and whether they say it or not, they want you to be proud so not showing up tells them you don't care about what they've worked so hard on. Recitals are just as important as sports games.



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Do Not Allow Them to Give Up on Themselves

If your child is struggling – do not, I repeat, DO NOT allow them to give up on themselves. Like life, learning music will not always be simple nor easy, but it is worth it. There is always a solution. Involve the teacher! They are trained to tackle these situations and may be able to provide a different angle you haven't thought about. Allowing them to quit because something is hard doesn't teach them the skill of perseverance they will need in other areas of life as well. You're only teaching them that it's ok to quit when life gets hard and hard things aren't possible.



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Never Cancel Lessons That Your Child Is Actively Interested In

And last but definitely not least – I understand that being a parent is tiring, but that is never an excuse to cancel lessons that your child is actively interested in. By doing this, you are showing them that you do not have faith in their abilities and it can permanently affect their self-confidence for the rest of their life. You are also teaching them that music isn't important or valuable to you. If you show them that lessons aren't important, they'll feel that and also feel like practicing isn't important. Set a good example!



By following these tips, you will give your child the best chance to excel at something that interests them and that gives them the self-confidence to explore and learn something about themselves – which is, in my opinion, the best life lesson you can teach your child!



WHAT'S NEXT?

Click the button below, request your child's intro lesson and get their musical journey started today.

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