

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR TEACHERS:



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Please contact Sue with questions regarding this event. For questions about submitting your Studio Registration form, contact Kristine.

The Hannah Young Play-a-Thon, our annual fundraiser, will take place at the Lehigh Valley Mall on **Saturday, February 23rd from 9:30 am to 8 p.m., and Sunday, February 24th, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.** In this event, students seek sponsorships in the form of cash/check pledges from family, friends and neighbors and perform at the mall. Students may perform for as long as their teacher permits. Our chapter deeply appreciates your encouragement, enthusiasm and, above all, your participation in this very important event. We encourage all teachers to participate in order to share in this opportunity to raise money for our scholarships and other beneficial student programs.

Note to prospective Frank Chesebro Scholarship applicants and their teachers - the Play-a-Thon participation requirement has been eliminated for scholarship applicants by Board decision, but we hope those considering applying for the scholarship will support the Play-a-Thon and other LVMTA events.

Each student will receive and use a Pledge Form to solicit sponsor donations. **Parents should write a check for the total amount of cash pledges collected.** Checks are made payable to LVMTA.

Effective 2015, all donations are to be collected by each participating teacher and mailed to the Treasurer (Kristine Fosbenner) by March 10, 2019. Please include a report of donations submitted listing student name(s) and total money donated. Money turned in after the deadline date would not qualify the students involved for prizes, but of course any donations received after the deadline would be accepted.

Pledge forms are for the families, to be used as a receipt for tax purposes. Please instruct your families to bring the pledge form to the Playathon to be stamped by the LVMTA. However, the families will keep the stamped pledge form for their own personal records.

The registration desk will be near the main entrance of the mall, around the Barnes and Noble store. Students are to come first to THIS DESK at least 20 minutes before their assigned time. This will allow sufficient time to check in (which involves finding their names in the teacher's studio list, confirming the performance location, and receiving "goodie" bag). NOTE: PLEASE STRESS TO YOUR STUDENTS THAT DONATIONS ARE TO BE COLLECTED BY YOU, THEIR TEACHER AND TO NOT BRING THEM TO THE MALL. Donation Forms should be brought to the mall to be stamped as a record of total amount of donation to the event.

All performances at the mall will be in studio recital fashion. Remind students to bring their music. To register students, complete the Studio Registration Form (found on the website's Forms or Play-a-Thon pages). The form requests up to three preferences for day and time slots plus a student list. Teachers may want to split their studios between two different times on the same day or two different times on either day. If so, please check the box indicating this and explain your request. Teachers must be present for their studio time slots, except in the case of "orphans", described below:

For students unable to attend the studio's assigned time ("orphans"), use a separate Registration Form and indicate under their names the preferred day and time. They will be assigned a spot in another teacher's time slot that best fits their requests. Both teachers involved will be contacted about the assignments.

For a fun endeavor, teachers may also collaborate on programs. There will again be three performance sites, allowing everyone's request to be accommodated.

Please note: Teachers will be assigned to work at the Registration Desk for one or two hours before or after their studio time slots.

Please complete the Registration Form by printing it out, write or type in the information, then scan or mail to Kristine Fosbenner (k.fosbenner@verizon.net or 436 Lawn Ave, Sellersville, PA 18960). You will be contacted a week before the Playa thon with your assignments. Please contact Kristine (215-380-2027), with questions regarding submission.

There will be prizes awarded to students who collect the most money in donations. See the Teacher's Guide for details.

Everyone will receive a special "goodie bag." Additional benefits include discounts on field trips and other potential opportunities throughout the year. Our budget requires us to collect at least \$7,000.00 at this event. We achieved our goal last year and we're aiming for a "repeat performance." Thank you for your participation and support! We hope you and your students have a wonderful experience.