



Music Teaching Matters

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Welcome to **Music Teaching Matters** - your music teacher summer newsletter from Teach Music 21C.



How do you feel about parental involvement in your students' musical journey? How do music teachers decide what to do about parental involvement? Let's continue to explore these compelling questions with another instalment on Working With Parents. This time around we'll see what current research has to say. Read [more...](#)

Hope your summer is going well,
Merlin B. Thompson
Creator & Founder of Teach Music 21C

Old School & *New School*

Old School - Music students make choices from their teacher's list of selections.

New School - *Music students make choices from their own wish list.*

Old School - Music teachers say things like, "That's great! You did a wonderful job."

New School - *Music teachers say things like, "That's great! Tell me your thoughts..."*

What about mistakes?

Making mistakes is not the problem.

Making mistakes is part of ongoing successful learning.

Podcast Recommendation

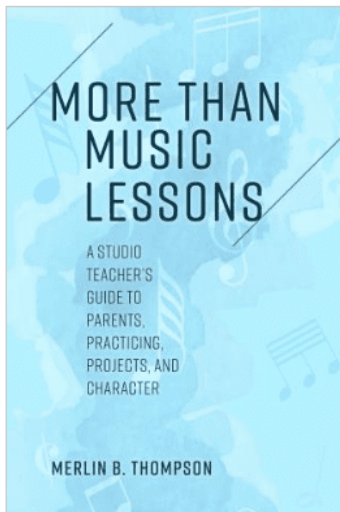
Teach Music 21C [Podcast #34](#): What happens when music teachers empower students to take ownership of their own musical journey? Find out in this insightful conversation with Merlin Thompson and Paul McGlinchey as things can get messy!



The Chill Out Summer

What can music students do when they're bored with summer holidays? As an alternative to playing video games or complaining to their parents, Chilling Out with their instrument is a great way to reinforce why students are learning to sing or play a musical instrument. The benefits lasts much longer than just the summer months!

"More than Music Lessons"



This book contains a trio of insightful chapters that detail working with parents.

From Chapter 3: In the Lesson. Check out how music teachers may guide parents through three easy guidelines:

- #1. Step in,
- #2. Step back, and
- #3. Let go.

(Kindle & paperback available on [Amazon](#) & from the publisher [Rowman & Littlefield](#).)

Upcoming Dates

Tuesday, July 16, 10-11 a.m. MST

Idea of the Month Webinar. This session is devoted to Your Music Teaching Questions. Sign up [here](#) and submit your questions. Thanks!

TM21C Certification August Schedule

[CLICK HERE](#) to register for Certification in its most condensed format Our **August cohort** (Wed., Thurs., Fri., Mon., Tues.) is scheduled to

meet your needs. The 5 one-hour modules take place Wednesday August 14, Thursday August 15, Friday August 16, Monday August 19, and Tuesday August 20.

Sign up today. The August schedule is just weeks away.

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