



Music Teaching Matters

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Welcome to **Music Teaching Matters:** your Tuesday morning collection of music teacher topics from Teach Music 21C.



Repetition is a foundation of music practice. But do students actually know how to do it? Do we teach them how to turn mindless repetition into focused effective practice? These are great questions that Paul McGlinchey uses to examine his own experience of researching and implementing strategies that work. [Read on to find out more from Paul...](#)

Cheers!

Merlin Thompson

Creator & Founder of Teach Music 21C

Stories of Students

From Lorrie Merrell's studio - After my eight-year-old student finished her lesson, the mom commented that her daughter had made some mistakes she never made at home. I replied that kids are momentary and not to worry! The next week the mom told me when they got in the car after her lesson her daughter said, "Mom, all I could think about my whole lesson was French fries!"

Idea of the Month Webinar

Coming this week!

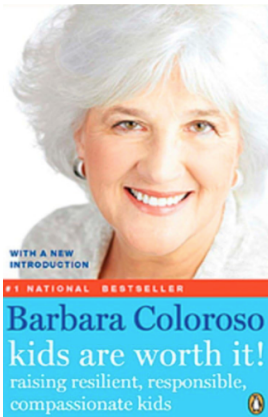
Thursday, February 20, 10-11 a.m. Calgary time

A topic for all music teachers - "First Conversations with Parents"

Find out what to say and
what not to say in this informative session.

[Click here to REGISTER and
submit your questions.](#)

Recommended Reading



Originally published in 1995 and updated with a new introduction, "Kids are Worth It!" by Barbara Coloroso is an outstanding book that continues to stand the tests of time. Coloroso's advice is for parents to empower and influence their children instead of controlling them. The goal is to help children by teaching them how to think, not just what to think. A great resource for music teachers!

[Available on Amazon.](#)

On the Journey

The best way for music teachers to fulfill our students' musical dreams is for teachers and students to build it together.

Collaboration is key.

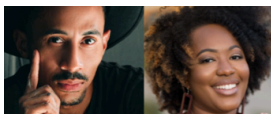
TM21C Certification



The Spring and Summer cohorts are now
open for registration.

[Check out the Schedule
HERE](#)

Spring Session - Tuesdays beginning
March 25.



July Summer Session: begins July 16

August Summer Session: begins August 13

👉 [Click here to Register NOW!](#)

Words have power

Great Teacher Phrases -

"Tell me more..."

"What did you spend the most/least time on last week?"

"Let's brainstorm and see what we can come up with between the two of us."

Upcoming Dates

February 18: 10-11 a.m. Calgary time

"What Music Teachers Need to Know about Practicing" - Calgary ARMTA

February 21: 7-8:30 p.m. Calgary time

"Beyond the Notes: Collaborative Teaching, Lifelong Impact, and Inspiring Practice" - Calgary Suzuki Strings Association

February 22: 2:3 p.m. Calgary time

"Music Teacher Wellbeing & Self-Care" - Alberta Piano Teachers Association

Questions, Thoughts

Do you have questions?

Would you like more info?

How about chatting with Merlin Thompson?

SEND me a message at
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and we'll get together!





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