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A Message from the President

Greetings to all! I hope that this letter finds all of you enjoying the beginning of a new year and looking forward to the promise of spring and some warmer weather! I am so excited about our workshop on February 20 with Laurie Zentz. The workshop will be at Green Valley Elementary School in Hoover from 9-3. Laurie Zentz comes highly recommended to us from teachers within our chapter who have seen her in action. Many of you have used her *Heart Chart* and other publications she has authored. You will not want to miss her workshop entitled “Let’s Do It Again! Lessons that Engage and Endure.”

Please mail the attached registration form and payment by February 12 to:
 Tiffani Little
 4260 Candle Brook Lane
 Bessemer, AL 35022

We are offering lunches from Jason’s Deli at the cost of \$10.00 including sandwich, chips, pickle, cookie, and tea. Below are the lunch choices:

Choice 1: Turkey Sandwich

Choice 2: Ham Sandwich

Choice 3: Vegetarian sandwich (Ciabatta garden sandwich with field greens, asiago cheese, cucumbers, red and yellow bell peppers, pico de gallo and balsamic vinaigrette on the side)

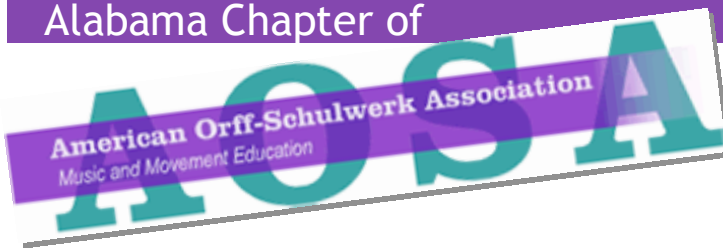
Remember that if you taught at Music Camp this past summer, you do not need to pay the workshop fee. Please email Tiffani Little at pvtiff@hotmail.com if you have any questions about this or about your dues.

I want to tell you how much I have enjoyed being your president for the last two years. I am so proud of our local chapter and of the excellence in teaching that you as individual teachers exhibit in your classrooms. In 1992, when I was a 40 year old first year public school music teacher, it was you who reached out to me and made me feel like I had friends who were behind me and colleagues that I could turn to any time I needed help. You have continued to give that kind of encouragement, not only to me, but to beginning teachers throughout the years. It is with mixed emotions that I pass on the mantle to Karla Hodges and her wonderful board. Please support them as you have supported me. I love each one of you.

Fondly,
 Mary

Upcoming Events

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| ◆ February 20 | Spring Workshop at Green Valley Elementary 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. |
| ◆ May 7-8 | Young Voices Festival at Auburn University |
| ◆ June 21-25 | Music Camp at Trinity United Methodist in Homewood, AL |
| ◆ August 2 | Chapter Share 9:00-12:00 Location TBD |



Spring Workshop Information

February 20, 2010 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Green Valley Elementary School



About Laurie Zentz

Laurie Zentz is the music specialist at the award-winning Cunningham Creek Elementary School in Jacksonville, Florida, part of the St. Johns County School District. She has been a music educator since 1984 when she graduated magna cum laude from Valdosta State College (GA). At Valdosta State she received the "Most Outstanding Bandswoman" award and served as the first Drum Major of the Valdosta State "Blazin' Brigade" marching band.

She received her Masters Degree from Jacksonville University in 1993 summa cum laude, and completed Orff Schulwerk Level III Certification in 1996. In 2005 she achieved certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards in Early and Middle Childhood Music.

Laurie has taught all levels from Pre-K through the university level. The majority of her experience is with elementary age students, although she also spent seven years as a middle school band director and 3 years as an adjunct professor at Jacksonville University and the University of North Florida. She directs the UpBeat Kids Orff Ensemble in the children's music ministry at Mandarin Presbyterian Church, also in Jacksonville.

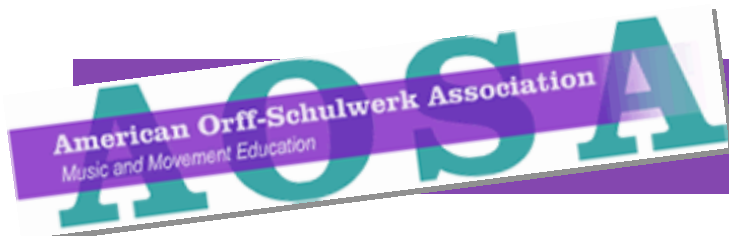
She is a frequent presenter at music education conferences and workshops throughout the country. Most recently she presented sessions at music education conferences in California, New York City, Ohio, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Virginia. Her school performing groups have performed twice at the Florida Music Educators Conference - in 1996 and in 2009.

As an author, Laurie has been published in the leading journals for music education and has authored four method books on elementary music techniques: *Junior Jam Session*, *Note Name Nonsense*, *Percussion Playalongs*, and *The Heart Chart*. Her *Heart Chart Rhythm System* has been sold all over the world and has been adopted by several school districts as their primary music notation teaching tool.

As a performer, Laurie has been principal clarinetist for various orchestras, wind ensembles, and pit orchestras for many musical productions. Her professional affiliations are many, and in most of these organizations she has served as an officer. She is currently the President and webmaster for the North Florida Orff Chapter. She has served as Chairman of her school's School Advisory Council, and on the Superintendent's Teacher Advisory Council.



Laurie has been honored by the National Endowment for the Arts and as a semi-finalist for Duval County's (FL) Teacher of the Year. In 2002 she and a colleague were named "Master Teacher Team of the Year" at the National Teacher Training Institute for infusing technology and the arts in lessons teaching math and science. In 2004 she was named the local "Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year". In 2005 she was selected as "Teacher of the Year" for Cunningham Creek Elementary. Her biography appears in the 2007 edition of "Who's Who Among American Women" and in the 2009 "Who's Who in the World". She recently received a \$10,000 grant from the Airborne Teacher Trust Fund for her "Musical Playground Project" at Cunningham Creek Elementary. She also won a grant for her "Aloha, It's Ukulele Time" project, and spearheaded a used book drive that collected over 2200 books for the classroom libraries at her school.



2010 AOSA Spring Workshop Registration

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

E-Mail Address _____

School/System _____

What county do you teach in? _____

Home Phone _____ School Phone _____

Please mark the appropriate box or boxes.

- \$30.00 Spring Workshop Fee (before February 12)
- \$35.00 Late Spring Workshop Fee (after February 12)
- \$5.00 Student Workshop Fee

- \$15.00 Chapter Dues
- \$75.00 National Dues
- \$7.50 Student Dues

- \$10.00 Lunch from Jason's Deli
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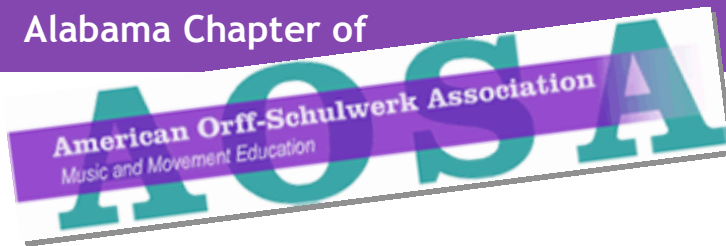
Total \$ _____

Please Remember:

- ◆ Mail the registration form and payment by Friday, February 12 to:
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Bessemer, AL 35022
- ◆ Bring recorder to the workshop (just in case)

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Directions to Green Valley Elementary School 3200 Old Columbiana Road Hoover, AL 35226

From I-65 S: Take exit 252 toward Hoover (Highway 31). Turn right on Highway 31 and proceed approximately 1.3 miles. Proceed through the intersection at Deo Dara Drive and Highway 31 to the next light (Krispy Kreme on the right), turn right. The school is located directly in front of you. Take a right at the stop sign and the parking lot will be on your left. Please call Carlee Means if you have trouble. (205) 542-9859

From I-459: Take exit 13 toward Hoover (Highway 31). Turn left onto Highway 31 and proceed approximately 2 miles. At the 4th red light (Krispy Kreme on the left), turn left. The school is located directly in front of you. Take a right at the stop sign and the parking lot will be on your left. Please call Carlee Means if you have trouble. (205) 542-9859

