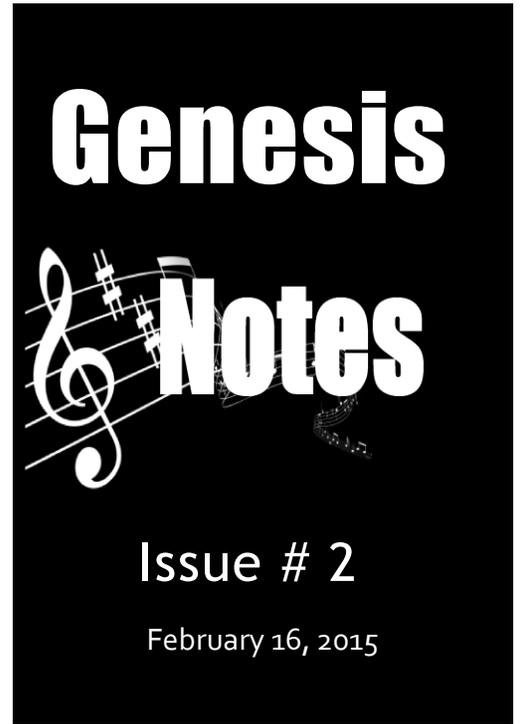




ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE THROUGH THE ARTS



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Welcome to Tindley Genesis Academy!

What is TGA?

Tindley Genesis Academy (TGA) is the 5th Tindley School opening this coming August (2015). TGA is a tuition free public school for Kindergarten through 3rd grade scholars. Scholars at TGA work on an accelerated curriculum that pushes them ahead of their grade level as they prepare for rigorous middle and high school opportunities.

What makes TGA different from the other Tindley Schools is a specific focus on music. Scholars at Genesis will be learning violin, piano, drumming, and theory in addition to their accelerated curriculum in literacy, math, science, writing, and social studies. In addition, performing arts will be infused into the general education classroom to make learning more engaging and exciting.

Scholars at Genesis will all participate in a new course at Tindley called Performing Arts. That combines standards and skills found in music, theatre, and dance courses. This course teaches essential life skills including: stage presence, voice projection, self-confidence, understanding emotions, appropriate gestures and facial expression, enunciation, vocal expression, and

teamwork. College and life preparation begins at Kindergarten!

Tindley: A Brief History

The Tindley Accelerated schools were founded in 2004 by Ms. Siri Loescher who wanted to bring the Accelerated Schools movement to Indianapolis. Her vision aligned with the founder of the movement, her professor at Stanford, Dr. Henry Levin. The concept seems simple: all students are gifted and accelerated and should be taught as such. A simple concept takes a lot of hard work. This work began by Tindley's 1st principal, Marcus Robinson (Now our network's Chancellor and CEO). The Tindley network continues to rapidly grow. Our network now includes:

- *Charles A. Tindley Accelerated School* (2004)- CoEd 9-12
- *Tindley Preparatory Academy* (2012)-Boys 5-8
- *Tindley Renaissance Academy* (2013)-CoEd K-4
- *Tindley Collegiate Academy* (2013)-Girls 5-8
- *Tindley Summit Academy* (2014)-CoEd K-3
- *Tindley Genesis Academy* (2015)-CoEd K-3



Music as an Academic Vehicle

Does music make kids smarter or is it a more engaging way to create meaningful learning experiences for *all* students?

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Want to enroll your child or know someone who might want to? Interested in becoming a founding staff member of Genesis? Check out this section.

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Music is Academic

by Todd Hawks, Principal

Each day on the way to work I pass an organization that offers tutoring services and private lessons. Often, the sign placed in front of the building has phrases that are great at catching the attention of travelers. Such advertisements include effects of music on student development, the amount of fun that can be made learning and making music, and incredible pricing the studio offers for engagement in music activities.

This past week, I was fortunate to be at a stoplight in front of the studio and was able to snap a photo out of my windshield of the offerings of the sign. The statement (in the picture on the right) was cause for a deep reflection in the remaining 20 minutes of my commute: Music Makes Kids Smarter.

My initial reaction was "Of course it does!" I then began to think much deeper about how people measure "smartness" and wondered if music really has that effect.

I know there is research that conclusively proves that music enhances brain functions and development. However, if there are not engaging learning opportunities for all students, regardless of their SES, race, gender, or any other trait, brain function

doesn't matter if the information given is not memorable and does not stick.

That is exactly what music does—engages *everyone* in memorable learning experiences in all subject areas. Music crosses all boundaries and brings people together. It is a universal language that speaks to the soul.

My final thought as I pulled on to Meadows Drive was this: "Music allows kids to be smarter." This is one of the many reasons I am ecstatic about opening a music academy that includes all students. How incredible to be able to have music as such an integral part of the entire day...



CHECK IT OUT!

The Tindley Genesis website has been updated! It now includes great information about the school, resources for families in not just music but also other subject areas, research on the effects of music on learning, and testimonials by current and former Tindley students regarding the importance of music in education. Check it out at www.tindleygenesis.org.

Incredible Opportunities at TGA

Partnering with the Arts

Since July of 2014, much work has been done to partner with local arts organizations to create co-curricular experiences for students at Genesis. Potential partnerships include work with Dance Kaleidoscope, the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, the Indianapolis Opera, Booth Tarkington Civic Theatre, Indianapolis Art Center, and the Indianapolis Children's Choir. Stay tuned in to Genesis news for more details!

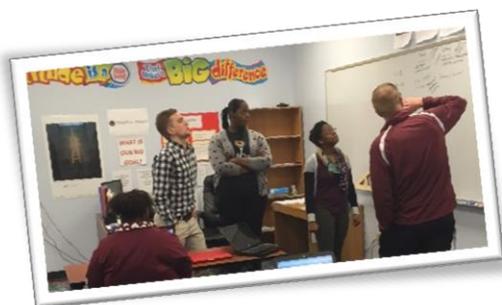
Enroll Now!

Tindley Genesis is tuition free! Do you or do you know someone who would want their student to be a part of Indiana's first accelerated, music-focused elementary (K-

3)? Visit www.tindleygenesis.org today to begin the enrollment process!

An Incredible Staff

The Tindley Accelerated Schools are a great place to work. With a structured cultural environment, learning is optimal and engaging for all students. At TGA we are looking for passionate educators who have a great interest in music and the arts. To apply for a position, visit www.tindleygenesis.org, click on the "Careers" tab, click "See all positions" and find the Genesis posting. We are hiring classroom teachers, music teachers, special education staff, an office manager, and an assistant principal.



Tindley music staff joins forces at February 13th Professional Development to improve curriculum and create meaningful learning experiences for all students K-12.