Parent Development: Strengthening the Nucleus of the Suzuki Community
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Why, when we gather as colleagues, do we often begin our conversation with "the students are great, but the *parents…..*"

A self-fulfilling prophecy ?– or the atrophied leg of the Triangle?
Parent Education

1) too little
2) too early
3) too finite

Educate vs. Develop
Development is defined as: growth, training or an event. Synonyms include, expansion, progress, change, improvement and maturity. Education is not a synonym listed.

Education is defined as: teaching. Synonyms include: schooling, tutoring, instruction, edification, training and culture.

Suzuki Parenting – it is about the process, not the completion of the task.

Parental Issues

1) too many years as a non-Suzuki parent
2) repetition is resisted – by the parent, not the student
3) patience
4) delayed gratification as a value to be taught – impatience is the enemy of musicality
5) overbooked students and parents

Parental Helps

1) weekly parent character development
2) embrace repetition, better concept of mastery
3) self-evaluation, parent groups
4) how slow is slow? Progress videos
5) less is more, understand the why and the value for each activity

I love to listen to you play. Why these words are so hard and how to use them properly.

Instill pride and courage as part of parental character development – pride in being different, pride in the ability to say no. Courage to be an "old-fashioned" parent and do what is right for their child, not what their child thinks is right for them.
Build a community that supports these values.