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**Dear BSW Family,**

Can you believe it's October already? Even though we're all still getting used to navigating this new world, **you are making it possible for us to continue transforming lives through the power of music education.** Thank you so much!

If you're just catching up, we stayed busy this summer with 2 summer camps serving nearly 70% of our students. We wrote fairytales, original plays, learned about the color wheel, thought about what we're grateful for... one of our volunteer Teaching Assistants even brought her flute in!



In September, 64 students resumed online music classes with us online and we have 20 more who are just chomping at the bit to begin in January 2021. We're writing a special curriculum just for them so that we can start new students virtually. We're so proud of our students and families for weathering the start of a new school year and still holding music in their hearts. **You are our cheerleaders and it's because of you that music has become an essential part of our students' lives!**

**STUDENT SPOTLIGHT**  
**WILLIAM**



**INSTRUMENT:** Cello

**YEARS WITH BSW:** 4

**WHY DID YOU START LESSONS AT BSW?**

*So at first, I didn't choose to. My dad just put me in and I was like, wait, WHAT?! Over time, I started to like it whereas before, I just wanted to get out of it!*

**WHAT CHANGED FOR YOU?**

*I think it was the people and the teachers because they're just great people... the other students, and the cello itself. It's fun playing it!*

Please visit [youtube.com/buffalostringworks](https://youtube.com/buffalostringworks) and search for William's interview to learn more about his BSW journey.

**Thank you for inspiring students like William.**

*In solidarity,*

**Yuki Numata Resnick, Executive Director  
and Your BSW Teaching Artists, Staff, Students, and Families**