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CATHERINE NGUYEN

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Catherine

Hello! My name is Catherine. I live with my mom and dad. I go to Picadome Elementary and my favorite subject is math.

I like

drawing and playing BananaGrams with my dad since I like creating weird and wacky words. My favorite books are either "Out of my mind" or "Matilda" because both of the books have such unsuspected twists! I also enjoy making arts and crafts for my friends or playing with my giraffe stuffed animals.

I love going on long, distance road trips and I am super excited for my field trip to the Newport Aquarium.

I started piano when I was 8 since my mom played it and I wanted to too! I dream to play all the songs I know and I hope to create my own songs and melodies!

Catherine is such a dedicated and focused student who always strives to do her best. She embraces challenging pieces and is always willing to invest the time and energy needed to create truly beautiful music. Her commitment is inspiring!



COMMUNITY Studio Happenings



WELCOME NEW STUDENTS!

RUTH LITANDA
ASHLEY MENDOZA
JOHANA MENDOZA



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

QUINN HAGIHARA	MAY 16
ANNIE BANTA	MAY 21
YOHANA GONZALEZ MONTES	MAY 23
AUBREY CUTWRIGHT	MAY 27
CAROLINE ARMSTRONG	MAY 31



IMPORTANT DATES

SPRING RECITAL
MAY 12
PC PIZZA PARTY
MAY 16
NO LESSONS
MAY 12-JUNE 8
SUMMER SCHEDULE BEGINS
JUNE 9

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WHAT'S NEW FOR DANA

My solo road trip to Missouri was a real treat, visiting my dad, stepmom, and brother. I also had the pleasure of spending time with some cousins and my aunt. We enjoyed wonderful food, great company, and lots of lively games of spades!

Will and Ryan are busy with baseball, and Evie and Natalea are in the thick of volleyball season. We're often found at the ballfield on Saturdays, and Anthony makes it to the girls' volleyball games on Thursdays.



Jon-Michael, Tiffany,
Hadlee, Landree



Pop, Dana, Trey



Megan, Natalea, Andrea, Evie,
Jonathan, Will, Ryan



James, Waketa, Dana, Pop, Debbi, Trey

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10TH ANNUAL PRACTICE COMPETITION

Hey everyone! It's the last week of the Practice Competition, and it's DOUBLES WEEK – woohoo! Every minute counts twice this week!

This is your final push to get to that pizza party and maybe even snag a prize!

I'm always blown away by how well you all do in the competition. You're all working so hard!

We'll recognize everyone who qualifies at the Spring Recital and have a pizza party on Friday, May 16th, @ 6:00 PM at the studio. Don't miss it!

NEW! SUMMER PIANO CAMP

In addition to our regular lessons and Melody Makers group classes, we're thrilled to offer something new: a fun and engaging Piano Camp for kids ages 6-10! And the best part? No piano experience is required! (It's the perfect way to introduce a younger sibling to the joy of piano without a long-term commitment!)

Makers provides a wonderful 2-hour group experience, camp is a concentrated burst of musical fun and learning. The daily 3-hour sessions over five days allow for deeper exploration of musical concepts, more intensive skill development, and a chance to build strong friendships with fellow music lovers. It's a fantastic way to supplement their existing musical activities and create lasting memories of a fun and productive summer.

Even if your child is already enjoying Melody Makers or continuing with regular lessons this summer, piano camp offers a unique and immersive musical experience. While Melody

PIANO CAMP



Scan QR code for all the details. Save with our Early Bird Discount (enroll by April 30th) and sibling discounts!

FALL REGISTRATION IS OPEN

To secure your fall lesson time, please register by June 30. Early registration allows us to accommodate any changes to your schedule or student additions.

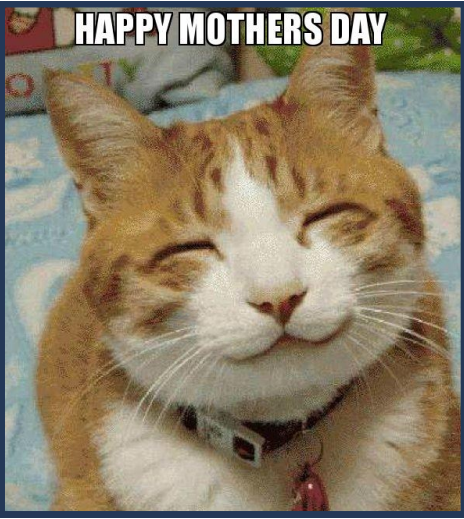
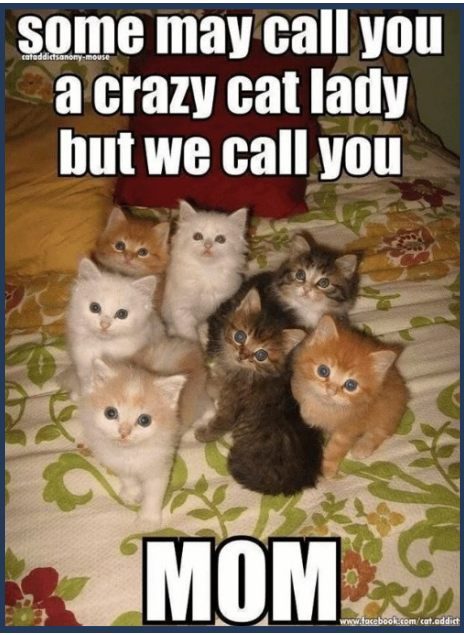
Please note: Lesson times may be given to new students if you do not register by the deadline.

Thank you!

FALL REGISTRATION



FUNNY CAT MEMES



HAVE A CONFLICT WITH YOUR LESSON?

PX Students reschedule your lesson here: calendly.com/danamartinstudio/px-reschedule.

Private Students contact Dana to schedule an online or video feedback lesson.

PRACTICE TIPS

3 Tips to Finish the Pieces You Start

2 Practice hands separately more. Break the piece into 2-4 measure sections. Practice each hand 3-5 times, then play hands together. This builds essential muscle memory for smoother combined playing.

If your practice isn't yielding the results you want as quickly as you'd like, consider these 3 tips:

1 Practice small sections. Playing through the entire piece isn't effective practice; it's sight-reading. Focus on small sections until you can play them without mistakes. Reduce the section size if needed.

3 Use consistent fingerings. Varying fingerings prevents muscle memory development. For long-term progress, always use the same fingerings.



NOTE WORTHY

A big shout-out to Ethan Abrams!

He recently played piano for his church along with the youth band. Fantastic job, Ethan!

Please send me the details and a picture of your recent achievement or special recognition to be featured in our newsletter!



Ethan

SUMMER LESSONS @ DMS

This summer grade schoolers will enjoy Melody Makers, fun song-writing focused groups; and teens will also focus on composition with Summer Keys: Piano Composition Workshop. Scan QR code for all the details.

All school-aged students are required to register for your summer regular lessons, group classes, or a combination of both, regardless of grade level. Please register by April 30. Thank you!

ELEMENTARY STUDENTS



REGISTER HERE

MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS



REGISTER HERE

Please join us for an evening of beautiful music!

Piano Recital

MONDAY, MAY 12
7:00 PM

LAFAYETTE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
264 Lafayette Parkway
Lexington, Kentucky

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MORE THAN A RECITAL

The DMS Spring Recital is more than a recital. It's a CELEBRATION of how far students have come this past year, and a must-attend event for all DMS students!

Students also receive recognition for completing the 30-Piece Challenge and their accomplishments in the Practice Competition!