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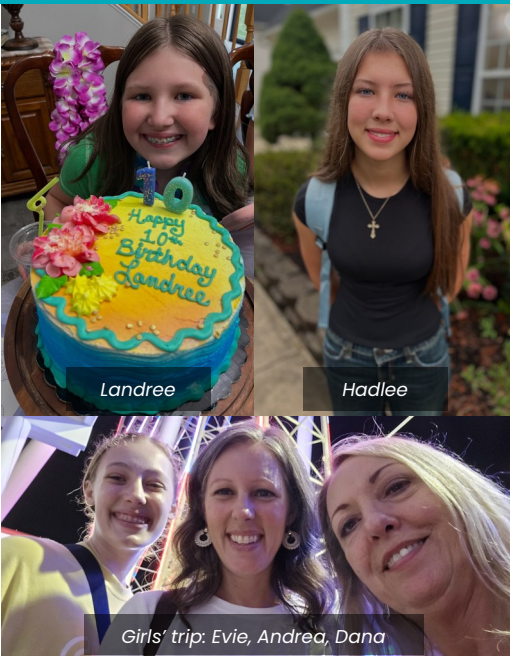
WHAT’S NEW FOR DANA

We’re so happy we got to celebrate our sweet Landree on her 10th birthday last month with a special FaceTime call!

And a big Happy Birthday to Will, who is turning 13 on October 30th! We hope you have a wonderful day celebrating.

I had a special night out with a friend recently. We enjoyed a delicious dinner at Papa Smoke in Harrodsburg (I highly recommend the calzone!) before heading to the "Our Town" play to see our very own Mr. Carmen on stage. It was a treat!

Fall break brought some wonderful memory-making! We had a great visit with my dad and stepmom, Pop and Debbi. I also enjoyed a girls’ trip to Pigeon Forge—it was a wonderful time to relax and recharge!



Girls’ trip: Evie, Andrea, Dana



Front: Andrea, Natalea, Megan, Ryan, Pop;
Back: Jonathan, Will, Evie, Debbi, Anthony, Dana

Ryan, Will



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LEVI DONOVAN

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Levi

It’s our pleasure to shine a spotlight on nine-year-old Levi Donovan! Levi is in the 3rd grade at Glendover Elementary,

where his favorite subjects are Math and P.E. When he’s not in class, he stays busy as part of the Academic Challenge Team, where he recently helped his team take 2nd Place out of over 175 teams—an incredible achievement!

Levi is part of a wonderful family that includes his mom, dad, and six-year-old younger brother, Ezra. He loves being active, playing basketball, baseball, and football. When he’s watching the pros, he cheers for the Cincinnati Reds, Notre Dame, Xavier University, Golden State Warriors, and Cleveland Cavaliers. For fun, Levi enjoys playing sports, riding his bike, and diving into the world of *Harry Potter*.

Levi has received some great special recognition, including being named "Most Likely to be on Jeopardy" and receiving the "King of Kindness" award in 2nd grade. He truly lives up to that title—he’s incredibly kind to his fellow students and everyone at the studio!

With his sports background and competitive nature, Levi really enjoys participating in our studio challenges and the PX group activities. He loves to figure things out on his own and works well independently, which is helping him make great progress.

He’s looking forward to a special trip this winter to visit family in Virginia. As for piano, Levi says he enjoys lessons because they are fun, and his ultimate musical goal is to learn to play the classic song "Bohemian Rhapsody." We’re thrilled to have Levi in the studio and look forward to helping him reach that goal!



COMMUNITY
Studio Happenings



WELCOME NEW STUDENTS!

NAVEN KNUTSON
KAY REYNOLDS



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

ETHAN ABRAMS	OCT 9
JILL HALL	OCT 9
SCARLETT OCHS	OCT 20



IMPORTANT DATES

FALL BREAK (NO LESSONS)
SEPT 29—OCT 5

GELATO PARTY OCT 10

FALL PERFORMANCE OCT 11

THANKSGIVING WEEK:
NO LESSONS TUES–THURS
(NOV 25–27)

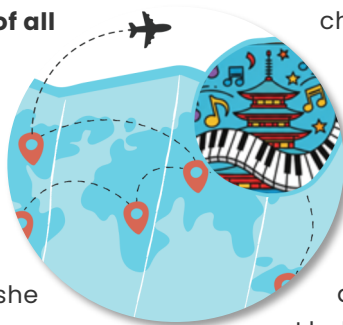
MONDAY STUDENTS WILL
HAVE LESSONS NOV 24

CHRISTMAS RECITAL DEC 15

WINDING UP OUR WORLD TOUR CHALLENGE

I am so incredibly proud of all our students who worked so diligently during our World Tour Challenge! It's been amazing to see the dedication and progress you've all made.

One student shared that she appreciated how even a few minutes of practice counted, which encouraged her to play every day, even when she didn't have much time. Several parents have also mentioned that the challenge motivated their



children to stick with it and keep going.

My ultimate goal for this challenge was to help students create a consistent practice habit that will last long after the challenge is over.

I believe we'll see the positive effects of this for months and years to come. The fun, friendly quest and the sweet gelato prize were just a bonus!

Congratulations again to all our students for a job well done!

CELEBRATE WITH GELATO!

We're so excited to celebrate all of our amazing students who qualified for the World Tour Challenge!

All students who have earned at least four stamps on their passports are invited to our special Gelato Party at the studio on Friday, October 10, from 7-8.

If your student qualified, you should have received an RSVP invite with two important links. Please use them to:

- 1. RSVP for your family (yes or no).
- 2. Sign up to help! We could use a hand serving ice cream, helping with face painting, or assisting at the photo booth. You can also sign up to bring an ice cream topping.



The whole family is invited for an evening of delicious ice cream, a fun toppings bar, a silly photo booth, and more! It's our way of saying congratulations on all your hard work and dedication. We can't wait to celebrate with you!

NOTE WORTHY

We're so proud to celebrate our very own Mr. Carmen, who was the star of the show in "Our Town," a recent play at the Ragged Edge in Harrodsburg. He played the stage manager, a powerful role that allowed him to speak directly to the audience, making us all feel a part of the story.

The play chronicles the daily lives of two families in a fictional town in the early 1900s. It teaches us profound lessons about the simple, beautiful moments in life and the importance of appreciating them.

I had the chance to attend with a friend and it was such a special night. It was truly a treat to see Mr. Carmen shine on stage!



Mr. Carmen

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

Smart Practice: From Drills to Mastery

2 Focus on small sections. Break your song into small, manageable sections. Sometimes this might be just one or two measures, or even a few notes. The goal is to make it small enough to play with absolute accuracy. If a note or section is tripping you up, isolate it and work on it until you no longer make that mistake. You won't improve if you don't first work out the tricky parts.

Students who learn to practice this way won't give up as easily when the songs get more difficult. They've already "learned the drills" and are ready to "play the game" when the time comes. By practicing in small sections, slowly, and with absolute accuracy, you will see consistent progress and gain momentum with every practice session.

If you've ever played a sport, you know that practice is completely different from the game. During practice, you focus on drills to improve your skills. A basketball player, for instance, works on dribbling, passing, and free throws. But when it comes to piano, we often just want to play the song from start to finish instead of doing the "drills" that lead to real improvement.

3 Be precise, not sloppy. If your song sounds sloppy, you're not giving it your full attention. Playing "by luck" instead of thinking about each note deeply won't lead to progress. Instead, practice with precision and work toward that 100% accuracy goal. When you develop this kind of discipline and deep practice, you will master pieces much faster. This will create a sense of momentum and make practice more fun because you'll always be improving!



OUR FALL PERFORMANCE IS HERE!

Our Fall Performance is this Saturday, and we can't wait to see our students shine! All students, even those who are brand new, are encouraged to participate. This is a wonderful "first step" in performing because it's in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere in front of a very supportive audience.

Make a Card, Make a Day

Many of the residents we'll be performing for don't have visitors, so they truly appreciate a personal touch. Please prepare about 10 cards to pass out after the performance. They can be as detailed or as simple as you like—anything from a complex drawing to a simple "Thinking of You" or a smiley face will bring a smile to their day.

RSVP Today

Please RSVP today (yes or no) using the link or QR code to the right. It helps us so much to have all the RSVPs in one place. Thank you!

Fall Performance

Saturday, Oct 11 at 10:30 am

The Willows at Hamburg
2531 Old Rosebud Road, Lexington

All students are invited to participate
Each student will perform a piece of their choosing
Please make about 10 "Thinking of You" cards
to present to the residents

Please RSVP by 9/21
Scan QR code or visit:
bit.ly/dmsfp2025rsvp

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