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WHAT'S NEW FOR DANA

It's soccer season! It seems we measure time by the sports the grands play. It's Megan's first year, plus Will, Natalea and Ryan are also playing.

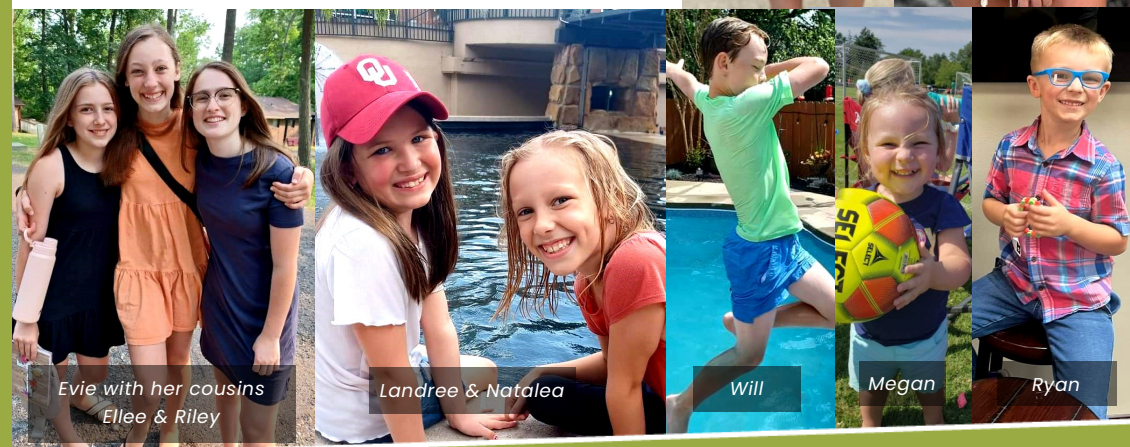
Landree turns 8 on September 6. Happy birthday, Landree!

I was selected for jury duty for September, but I'll only have to serve 3 days due to being self-employed. My first day comes up this Friday.



Landree

Hadlee



Evie with her cousins
Ellee & Riley

Landree & Natalea

Will

Megan

Ryan



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MADISON BONIN

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Madison with her
cousin, Tate

Meet Madison Marie Bonin. She lives with her dad, Jason and mom, Pam, and she's the middle sister

between Paige (10) and Maren (4).

Madison is a third grader at Rosa Parks. She loves math and science and, of course, recess!

She loves playing soccer and basketball, watching her sister play softball, and watching the Chicago Bears with her dad.

Madison loves cooking and spending time with her family, especially her cousins! She adores her baby cousin, Tate and likes FaceTiming with him because he lives in Maryland.

Madison says she's taking piano because her mom is making her 🎹 but she enjoys it. She's even been teaching her mom a few songs!

Madison always comes to piano with a ready smile and a great attitude. I love watching her and Paige engage with each other. They're kind and considerate of one another.

She always gives her best and especially enjoys playing songs she's familiar with.



COMMUNITY

Studio Happenings

Hi! WELCOME NEW STUDENTS!

EZRA LAO
PETER LAO
ARTURO PORTILLO POUSA

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

OLIVIA RUSSELL SEPT 14
GRACE ROGERS SEPT 15
PHOEBE RUTHERFORD SEPT 16
MURPHY COOTS SEPT 19

IMPORTANT DATES

NO LESSONS SEPT 4
(LABOR DAY)
FALL PERFORMANCE
OCT 28
NO LESSONS TUES-WED-
THURS THANKSGIVING
WEEK (NOV 21-23)
CHRISTMAS RECITAL DEC 11

PIZZA PARTY FUN!



PRACTICE TIPS

Practice that guarantees improvement and progress

- 1 Absolute accuracy.** Slow the piece or section down so S-L-O-W that you hit EVERY note correctly with the RIGHT fingers EVERY time with 100% accuracy. Increase your speed ONLY when you can play it with absolute accuracy 3 times in a row. Even then, increase your speed only by 2-3 BPM (beats per minute) on the metronome and work toward absolute accuracy at your new tempo.
- 2 Work on small sections.** Sometimes a small section might be 1-2 measures. Sometimes it may only be a few notes. Whatever it takes to play with absolute accuracy. If there's a note that trips you up every time, work on it until you no longer hit it incorrectly. It may be the fingering, the rhythm, or something else. But you won't improve if you don't first work it out.
- 3 Be precise not sloppy.** If your song sounds sloppy, you aren't playing your best or being 100% mindful of your notes. You're simply "trying your luck" and not thinking deeply about what the next note is. This kind of practice isn't motivating and you won't see much progress. Instead, work on your precision toward the 100% absolute accuracy goal. When you develop this strong sense of discipline and working in this deep way, you'll master pieces much faster. Piano is fun; there's a sense of momentum and you're always making improvements!
- 4 Students who learn to practice** this way won't give up as easily when the songs get more difficult. They've doubled down on "learning the drills" and are ready to "play the game" when the time comes. So take the time to practice in small sections SLOWLY toward 100% absolute accuracy. You'll see consistent progress and gain momentum with every practice session!



MORE SAGA LAND NEWS



I shared with you last month the link to watch the students' Saga Land videos (<https://youtu.be/U3CgZHh3368?feature=shared>). The students were also delighted to receive an individual note from the composer with high praise for their performances and storytelling! This project continues to be a wonderful experience for DMS students, and we'll do more like it in the future!

I also shared the link with the Saga Land composer, Elizabeth Swift and told her about our project. She was so impressed with the students' creativity, that she created a mashup of the videos to share on her YouTube channel (<https://youtu.be/U3CgZHh3368?feature=shared>). The students were also delighted to receive an individual note from the composer with high praise for their performances and storytelling! This project continues to be a wonderful experience for DMS students, and we'll do more like it in the future!

Fall Performance

SATURDAY, OCT 28
TIME TBD WHEN KY-TN FOOTBALL GAME HAS BEEN SCHEDULED

MORNING POINTE SENIOR LIVING
233 Ruccio Drive, Lexington

All students are invited to participate
Each student will perform 1-2 pieces of their choosing
Please make about 20 "Thinking of You" cards to present to the residents