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WHAT'S NEW FOR DANA

We visited Jon-Michael and family in Cleveland, OH on Lake Erie. We definitely want to go back when it's much warmer!

Two of my students, Evie Carey and Brad Davidson entered Kentucky Fine Arts Festival, a sacred arts competition that helps prepare students for ministry, on March 11. Congrats to Evie who won the award of merit (highest score) for the piano solo category, and Brad who won the award of merit for classical piano

category!

I had a great visit with my dad and stepmom over spring break. Some highlights: visiting with some of my cousins and eating at Guy Fieri's restaurant in Branson.

I was on 36 News at Noon for World Piano Day! Brad also attended and played. You can watch the segment here: danamartinstudio.com (scroll down).



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NEWSLETTER

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JACKSON ABRAMS

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Jackson

Meet Jackson Abrams.

I live with my mom, dad, Ethan (brother), Dexter the boxer, Franny the pug, Pepper

Pots the baby pug, Chief Little Foot Yoshi Abrams the cat, and six hens—Loretta Hen, Hennisfer Anniston, Chickadee, Waffles, Bilina, and Jolene.

I'm in the third grade at Clays Mill Elementary. Math is my favorite subject. Recess is my favorite part of the day.

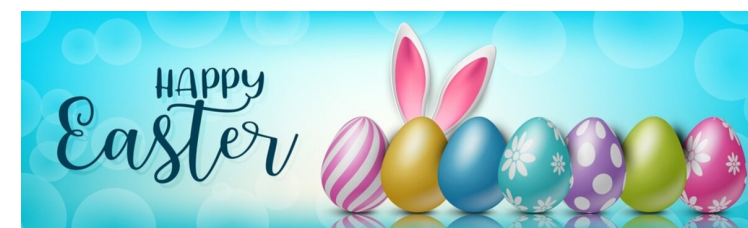
I play archery, piano, and I am a Boy Scout.

Here are some of my favorites: book series *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*, movie *Sonic 2*, I love playing with family and friends, playing video games, swimming, and hunting Pokémon. And my favorite food is pizza.

We just got home from a cruise to the Bahamas. It was so fun. My favorite place to visit is Florida to spend time with my Aunt Robin, Uncle Mike, and Mackenzie.

I am taking piano lessons because I want to learn to be a good piano player.

Jackson sight reads new music very well, and he especially enjoys playing familiar tunes. We enjoy lots of laughs at his lessons.



COMMUNITY

Studio Happenings



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

EVERETT ELLIOTT APR 1
VIVIANNE SCHWEIGHARDT

APR 10

MARY-JO BRIGUGLIO APR 14

MADISON BONIN APR 16

EMILY PAREDES APR 24

ALLIE PERSINGER APR 27



IMPORTANT DATES

SPRING RECITAL MAY 15

NO LESSONS MAY 15-JUNE 11

SUMMER LESSONS WEEKS:

JUNE 12, 26

JULY 10, 17

SUMMER GROUP CLASSES
(ELEMENTARY AGE)

JUNE 14

JUNE 28

JULY 12

8TH ANNUAL PRACTICE COMPETITION

It all begins on your lesson day the week of April 10! Students have 4 weeks to crush a category and win a prize or qualify for a certificate and fun pizza party. All qualifying students will be recognized at the spring recital.

See the Practice Competition flyer for all the details! Each year there are at least a few students who continue their outstanding practice habits long after the Practice Competition is over. It could be YOU this year!

FALL REGISTRATION IS OPEN

All students who plan to return to lessons in the fall must **register by MAY 31**. It's

important to register early, especially if you need to change your lesson day or time or you're adding a new student.

Students who don't register risk losing their time slot to students on the waiting list.

Scan the code or visit danamartinstudio.com/lessons to REGISTER NOW.



SUMMER GROUP CLASSES



Each summer we offer elementary-aged students the option of group classes in lieu or part of a combo of their 4 remaining individual lessons.

This year's theme is "I Love the 80s!" and we have lots of fun things planned! Your student will receive a flyer this week at lessons with all the details.

Group Classes are a fun way to keep students

playing piano during the summer months. We improve rhythm and other music skills through entertaining games and activities, play fun songs together and get to know other students better.

All elementary-aged students **MUST REGISTER** for either their 4 remaining individual lessons, 2 group classes or a combo. Scan the code or visit bit.ly/dmsummer2023.



PRACTICE TIPS

Tools for effective practice every single time

1 **Music.** Make sure you have all your pieces out and ready to play. It's important to practice ALL assignments every time you practice, not just your favorites.

2 **Theory book.** Don't wait; do your theory assignment the first day you practice while it's fresh in your mind, plus there may be portions you need to practice daily. Remember, it's not always just a writing assignment.

3 **Metronome.** Get into the habit of practicing with a metronome. Set your tempo at a slower speed and gradually increase tempo as needed. Playing with a metronome helps you play in rhythm and keeps you from speeding up or slowing down.

4 **Pencil.** Always have a pencil ready to mark your music and for theory assignments.



NEW! SUMMER PROJECT FOR TEENS & TWEENS

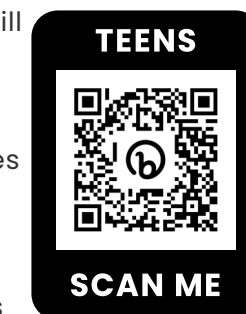
I recently purchased two volumes of the Saga Land music series for middle and high school students who are level 2 or higher. It's original music based on video game music, and the students who are learning a piece from this series are loving it!



creative as you like. We will get together later in the summer as a group and play our videos and pieces as well as other fun activities (date to be determined).

I'm asking students to write a short story based on their piece from the series and make a video of them playing the piece with voice-over telling their story as they play. Use your imagination and be as

All middle and high school students **MUST REGISTER** for their summer lessons (individual and/or group). Scan the code or visit bit.ly/dmsteensummer2023.



30-PIECE CHALLENGE

We will finish up our 30-Piece Challenge the first week of May. If you haven't reached the goal of 30 pieces yet, there's still time. Pick a few songs that are easier than your current level, but not already on this year's 30-Piece list, and at least 16 measures long (8 measures for beginners – lessons less than a year). Practice them until you can play them with musicality (correct tempo, rhythm, dynamics, expression marks, etc.). Then either play them at your lesson or send me a video of your playing them.

All students who reach 30 pieces or more will be recognized at the recital in May.

Please join us for an evening of beautiful music!

PIANO RECITAL
MONDAY, MAY 15
7:00 PM

Heritage Assembly Church
407 Kingston Road, Lexington

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