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WHAT'S NEW FOR DANA

We celebrated Andrea's birthday on July 26 and Evie's on July 28. Happy birthday to our favorite daughter and oldest granddaughter!

We attended National Fine Arts in Columbus, Ohio where Evie played *His Eye Is On the Sparrow*, that you heard at the spring recital. She received a superior rating, and we couldn't be more proud. Way to go, Evie!

Jon-Michael and family came to Columbus the day after we left, but the cousins were happy to spend some time together!



Evie & Hadlee



Papaw, Evie, Mamaw

Will



Ryan



Jon-Michael & Andrea



Landree & Natalea



Jonathan, Andrea, Megan



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HANNAH BOYD

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Hannah

Meet Hannah Boyd.

I have 2 sisters, and 1 brother, Ruthie, Sarah, and Bryan. I have 2 dogs, Rory

and River, and 2 guinea pigs, Penny and Coco.

I am going into the 4th grade at SCAPA and I am excited because I'm going to meet other kids my age who really love piano like I do.

Some of my favorite things are: math and soccer — I play for LSC and I like to watch the US and Brazil women's teams. My favorite college team is East Carolina University, but they are mostly baseball and football. I also like to watch skateboarding competitions.

My favorite books are the Percy Jackson series. and I enjoy all the Studio Ghibli and Harry Potter movies.

Legend of Zelda Breath of the Wild is my favorite video game.

My other activities are skateboarding, arts and crafts, and playing other instruments. I am trying to learn how to play the ukulele right now. I love to make music in any way I can, that's part of why I love piano so much. I like to play and sing and even do percussion.

This summer I did my first sleep away camp and it was really fun. Next summer my mom and I are planning a trip to Croatia, which I am really excited about.

Hannah is dedicated and works hard to accomplish her goals. She broke her arm just as we were beginning to work on pieces for her SCAPA audition last fall. She dutifully practiced with her good arm and only had a few weeks to learn the other hand before the audition. Obviously, she nailed it because she starts SCAPA in a few days! Congratulations, Hannah!



COMMUNITY

Studio Happenings

Hi! WELCOME NEW STUDENTS!

- GRACE BAILEY
- CAITLIN DOMINICK
- EMILY HARVEY
- LORI HORN
- AVA PERSINGER
- GRACE ROGERS
- PHOEBE RUTHERFORD



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

RUTHIE BOYD AUG 30



IMPORTANT DATES

- FALL SCHEDULE BEGINS AUG 7
- NO LESSONS SEPT 4 (LABOR DAY)
- FALL PERFORMANCE DATE TBD
- CHRISTMAS RECITAL DEC 11

100 DAYS OF PRACTICE

Start the year off with a bang with 100 days of practice in a row! Our challenge starts the first week of lessons on your lesson day. All students may participate – adults, too! Receive rewards for each milestone (every 25 days practiced in a row) and create an awesome piano practice habit.

Students will receive all the info at lessons this week, including 14 alternatives to practice that count even when you aren't near a piano.

Parents, get in on the fun and consider establishing a reward for each milestone of the challenge that you can celebrate together. Help your student choose a time each day (a habit works better if it's the same time every day just like brushing your teeth before bed), remind your student to write it in the practice log and then sign the log each week before lessons.

Your encouragement will help your student keep his/her eyes on the prize!



30-PIECE CHALLENGE IS BACK

This is our fifth year for this fun challenge!

We keep track of every piece learned at tempo, with dynamics, expression, flow and musicality. Minimum length is 16 measures (8 measures for beginners).

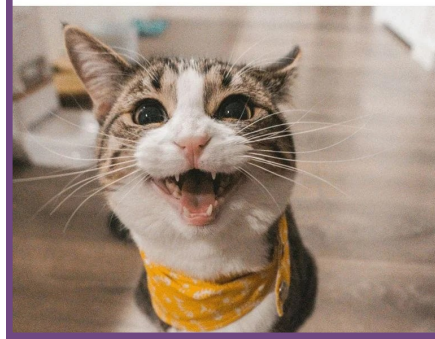
Students who are learning longer, more difficult pieces are encouraged to also play shorter,

easier pieces for this challenge.

Students receive a reward for every 10 pieces learned. Parents, you might also consider a special treat for your student at each milestone, such as an ice cream outing or another favorite treat.

Students who complete this challenge will also receive recognition at the spring recital.

YOUR FACE WHEN YOU SHOP NEW SUPPLIES FOR SCHOOL



Can I go to the



PRACTICE TIPS

4 tips to help parents establish a regular practice routine for their young pianist

1 Timing is important. You know your pianist better than anyone else. If a meltdown is guaranteed after a long day of school, slip in practice before school. After dinner, ask to hear a favorite piece and celebrate what was remembered from the morning practice.

2 Allow your pianist to choose when to practice alongside a favorite activity. A bath, a story read by a parent, a video game... Whatever activity is a favorite of your pianist, encourage him to associate practice with that "treat" activity.

3 To avoid confrontations or "battles" at the bench, ask your pianist to determine what assignment to practice first. Gamify practice with challenges: "How fast can you find where your hands need to be for this piece?"

4 Your pianist is developing a new habit of daily practice. Providing an immediate reward after practice will let her associate practice with positive reinforcement. Insert the candy of her choice into a 7-day pill box and allow her to earn a sweet treat after each day of practice. More practice = more progress!



SUMMER GROUP CLASSES HIGHLIGHTS

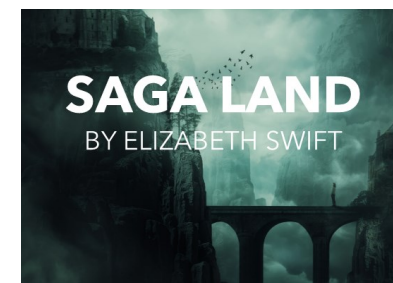


Fifteen students attended our I Love the 80s summer groups. We played bucket drums, improvised along with

Forever Young by Rod Stewart, played Music Jeopardy and digital escape rooms answering questions about Dolly Parton's *9 to 5* and Michael Jackson's *We Are the World* and much more!

Special thanks to my helpers, Mary-Jo, Evie, and Emily. I couldn't have done it without you!

Watch a compilation video of our three summer groups at bit.ly/dmssummergroups2023.



This summer was a DMS first. We had a teen group class for students who learned a piece from the Saga Land series by Elizabeth Swift. The

students also wrote a story to accompany their piece and made a video featuring their piece and their story. Watch the videos at bit.ly/dmssaga-land2023. You will enjoy seeing their imagination and creativity at work!

