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## WHAT'S NEW FOR DANA

Will's baseball team won the championship game 19-5! And Will got the last play of the game, getting the third out on the other team. Go Angels!

Ryan played his first season of T-ball and is looking forward to playing soccer in the fall.

I celebrated a milestone birthday last month. I won't say which one, but our daughter, Andrea is

turning 40 this month, and our son, Jon-Michael turned 36 last month. For some reason, no one believes that I'm 29 anymore.

We had a wonderful vacation at a beautiful lake house on Bear Lake in Arkansas with both our kids and all our grandkids together. Any vacation on the water is my kind of vacation!



Will "Pool Shark" Carey



Martin family vacation at Bear Lake: (from back left): Megan, Jonathan, Andrea, Anthony, Dana, Tiffany, Jon-Michael, (front) Evie, Natalea, Landree, Will, Ryan, Hadlee



All the grands, youngest to oldest: Megan, Ryan, Landree, Natalea, Will, Hadlee, Evie

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## COMMUNITY

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

TRINITY EUBANKS	7.10
AUDREY KELLY	7.10
EVIE CAREY	7.28
ELIZABETH COOPER	7.30

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### SUMMER LESSONS

- JULY 12 WEEK
- JULY 19 WEEK

#### SUMMER GROUP CLASSES

- JULY 14, 21

#### NO LESSONS

- JULY 26- AUG 8

#### FALL SCHEDULE BEGINS

- AUG 9

### ONLINE REVIEWS



Here's a recent review from a happy student:

*Dana is an amazing teacher. I feel fortunate to have had her as my teacher and also as a friend. She has inspired me.*  
—Carla U.

If you would like to leave a detailed review, please visit [g.page/danamartinstudio/review](http://g.page/danamartinstudio/review). Thank you!

## 100 DAYS OF PRACTICE CHALLENGE



This is a challenge we had a couple years ago that we're reviving our first week back at lessons in August. **It will run for 100 days from your first lesson the week of August 9** until your lesson day the week of November 15.

**Sometimes it's hard to "get in the habit" of practicing.** Perhaps you're a new student, and you're finding it difficult to fit in practice time every day. Maybe you got out of your routine during the summer and haven't got back in sync yet. Or, when school starts, it's a challenge to fit it into your daily schedule.

**Habits happen naturally after they're formed**—they become a ritual, something you can slip into automatically, something you don't even have to think about.

**A piano practice habit can be formed** the same way as brushing your teeth before bed. By committing to 100 days in a row of piano practice, you won't think about whether you can find time to practice on Saturday. You know you must, or the game is up.

**To participate in the 100-Day Practice Challenge**, students simply practice at least 20 minutes each day, write it on their 100-Day practice sheet, sign it and have a parent initial in the space provided. **No exceptions.** If the sheet isn't completed, no credit will be given.

**Every. Single. Day.** I'm going to be strict on this challenge. There are no ifs, ands, or buts about it being 100 days in a row.

**Not everyone will make it to the end** of the challenge. So, there are milestones along the way to keep students motivated and reward them for making it so far.

**Parents, please help your student** as she strives to make practicing piano a daily habit. Help him choose a time each day, remind him to write it in the practice log and then sign the log each week before lessons.

**Consider establishing a reward for each milestone** of the challenge (every 25 days) that you can celebrate together. Your encouragement will help her keep her eyes on the prize when she just doesn't "feel like practicing today."

## WE LOVE OUR PETS!



**Mallie Lynn and Roscoe**  
Elizabeth's daughter's "dog" that she takes everywhere, including walks down the sidewalk in our neighborhood. Roscoe even joined us in the 4th of July parade!

## DANA'S PRACTICE TIP

### When a Metronome is Boring

Let's face it — practicing with a metronome can be boring and sometimes even nerve-racking.

How would you like a FUN, inspiring way to keep the beat?

Why not download a fun drum app? I found one for my Android phone called Metro Drummer. Choose a style (rock, jazz, dance, etc.), set the tempo and start playing along

with a virtual drummer instead of the tick-tock of a boring metronome.

There are several to choose from both for iOS and Android devices. Conduct your own search, check out the reviews and download one that suits you.

Next time you need to set a steady rhythm to play along with, try out a fun drumming app and just maybe it will make keeping the tempo easier and lots more fun! 🎵



**Audrey's dog, Newton** named after Sir Isaac Newton 4-year-old Mini Australian Shepard. He loves playing fetch and snuggling.

## AN AMAZING YEAR

As we're winding up this music year, I'm amazed at all that we've done this year at Dana Martin Studio. Please take a minute and read about all that we've accomplished in the last 12 months and even a few things you might see in the year ahead.

I'm looking forward to another great year of music learning and music making! I have lots of fun ideas to implement in the coming months that I'm sure the students will love! 🎵

### WHAT WE DID:

1. We started last August with an 8-Week Bounce Back Challenge with creative and productive practice aids
2. Celebrated last year's Practice Competition leaders with a fun pizza party complete with Minute-to-Win-It games
3. Virtual Christmas Recital on YouTube with fun solos and duets
4. Our biggest ever Spring Recital with awesome solos, duets and even a trio!
5. Completed 708 pieces toward the 30-Piece Challenge, with several students surpassing the goal!
6. SCAPA student performances
7. Kentucky Fine Arts performances
8. Earned lots of stickers and prizes for weekly practice goals and assignments
9. Practiced a total of 27,383 minutes in the Practice Competition and received lots of recognition and awards!
10. A record 15 students enjoyed our Under the Sea group classes this summer ...AND LOTS MORE!

## WE LOVE OUR PETS! (CONTINUED)



**Truett and Tanner with Tess**  
They love playing fetch together



**Anthony and Dana with Bailey**, 5-year-old lab mix. Vacation, here we come!



**Zeke**, our 9-year-old gray cat loves snuggling and kneading in Dana's lap



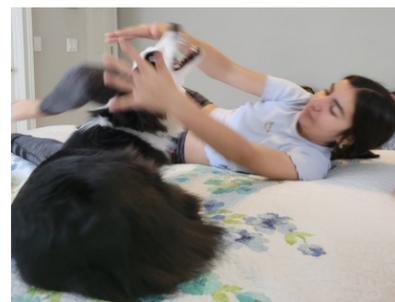
**Grace with Theodore Finn and Bean**  
Theodore Finn, 12-year-old Puggle  
Bean, 15-year-old Frenchton  
Grace enjoys playing with them and taking naps with them.



**Dash with Annie**, 1-year-old corgi.  
Annie loves it when Dashy throws the ball for her, and she loves to play chase with him.



**Alex with Owen**  
2-year-old Goldendoodle who loves chasing balls and giving hugs. Owen and I love to go on walks, hikes, and spend time with our friends (2- and 4-legged)!



**Beatriz with Sailor**, our 1-year-old mini Australian Shepard. He is very energetic, loves to sit on top of the couch and he and Beatriz like to play catch!



**Abby with Tinker Bell "Tink"**  
3-year-old Maltese. She Weighs five pounds. She thinks she is a Golden Doodle since she bosses the Golden Doodle.



**Kasi's dogs, Hannah & Tinsley.**  
They love playing together.



**Lexi with Mia (front) and Murray**  
Mia is a 3-year-old German Shepherd mix. Murray is a 10-year-old Australian Shepherd mix. We love to go on evening walks together.