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## WHAT'S NEW FOR DANA

We celebrated my birthday Father's Day weekend with the family. It was a rare treat for Andrea and Jonathan and family to attend church with us. Jonathan preached, and Evie sang on the worship team. Jon-Michael celebrated his birthday on June 28.

All the grands except Ryan and Megan attended church camp this summer. Andrea, Ryan and Megan got to spend a night with us while the older kids and Jonathan were at camp. We had a fun day at Monkey Joe's and lunch with Papaw at Chick-Fil-A.



Hadlee & Landree with their other grandmother



Ryan



Papaw, Mamaw, Andrea, Megan, Evie, Jonathan, Ryan, Natalea, Will



Megan



Jon-Michael



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## NEWSLETTER

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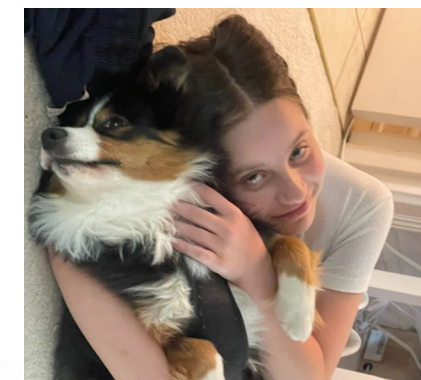
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## WE LOVE OUR PETS

July has been "We Love Our Pets" month for the past several years now. I love seeing the students with their pets each year, and how the pets (and kids) have grown!



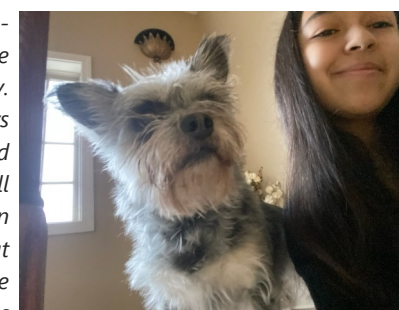
Alex with Owen, a 4 1/2 year-old Goldendoodle. Owen and I love to go on hikes, walk around the neighborhood, and watch college football! Owen also loves to listen to me play Piano. He will often come and put his head on my lap as I play.



Audrey loving on her dog, Newton



Emily with 7 1/2-year-old Yorkie mix, Zooney. Zooney enjoys sleeping and cuddling, as well as her afternoon bacon treat along with some tummy rubs afterwards!



Natalie's 2-year-old Golden Doodle, Ollie



Grace & Emma with Benny, a 2 year old Boxer and Finn, a 10 year old Puggle. Grace and Emma like to play tug of war with them and take naps with them.



## COMMUNITY

### Studio Happenings



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- PAXTON SMITH JULY 9
- AUDREY KELLEY JULY 10
- PEYTON HUNT JULY 23
- EVIE CAREY JULY 28



IMPORTANT DATES

REMAINING SUMMER LESSONS WEEKS:

JULY 10, 17

REMAINING SUMMER GROUP CLASSES (K-5)

JULY 12

SAGA LAND GROUP (6-12)

JULY 17

NO LESSONS WEEKS OF

JULY 24, 31

FALL SEMESTER BEGINS

AUGUST 7





## WE LOVE OUR PETS (CONTINUED)



Natalea and Evie with our 7-year-old Lab mix, Bailey. Natalea: "Bailey is so sweet!" Evie: "I love how Bailey likes to play and cuddle with me."



Evie with her cousin's 1-year-old Mini Aussie Mountain Doodle, Fern, who's "crazy and adorable!"



Peyton & Piper with Maggie, a 3-year-old Aussie Doodle. We love playing tug of war with them and snuggling them. Maggie makes us feel special because she allows us to lay all over her.



Mary-Jo with Bella (on the left), a 10-year-old Blue Heeler/Aussie mix. I enjoy watching her rest. She reminds me that we need to stop and smell the roses. Trigger is a 2 1/2-year-old rescue dog, and we love to play Frisbee with him.



Rachel's German Shepards: Sophie (8 months) and Charlie (8 years). We love going on rides.



Grace and Callie Joy. She is a 4-year-old Golden Comfort Retriever. Grace loves to cuddle with Callie "cause she is so very soft!"



Yohana with Teddy, 8-month-old Shih Tzu



Peyton & Piper with Mini Aussie Doodle, Winnie, almost 2. Winnie makes us laugh because she licks our faces like crazy. We love our pups!



Scarlett with Sunny, 3-year-old Pomapoo (Pomeranian/Poodle). She likes salmon cat treats over all dog treats.



Bennett with Mason, a 2-year-old Golden Retriever. Bennett likes to run and play fetch with Mason.

## PRACTICE TIPS

### 2 Fun Ways to Practice with a Metronome

1

**Practice in double time.** If you're having trouble staying with the beat, switch from 60 bpm (beats per minute) to 120 bpm, for example. You don't have to play faster; rather you'll have an extra click to help guide you and keep you on track. This is especially helpful when you're playing 8th or 16th notes.

2

**Practice with a drum groove.** It can get boring playing with a metronome. Instead find a drum groove on YouTube in the tempo you're playing. For example, search for "drum groove 95 bpm." it's much more fun to play along with drums than a boring click.



## 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. Started last August with Piano Practice Bingo
2. Celebrated last year's Practice Competition leaders with a fun pizza party complete with Minute-to-Win-It games
3. Fall Performance in November at Sayre Christian Village
4. Christmas Recital with fun solos and duets
5. Spring Recital with 34 students participating
6. Completed 957 pieces toward the 30-Piece Challenge, with several students surpassing the goal!
7. Students improved their note reading with the One-Minute Club
8. 2 DMS students accepted into SCAPA program as piano majors
9. Winter Performance in February
10. Kentucky Fine Arts performances
11. Twenty-five students composed a Mother's Day piece for their mom
12. Practiced a total of 39,126 minutes in the Practice Competition and received lots of recognition and awards!
13. Fifteen students enjoyed our "I Love the 80s" summer group classes
14. ...AND LOTS MORE!

