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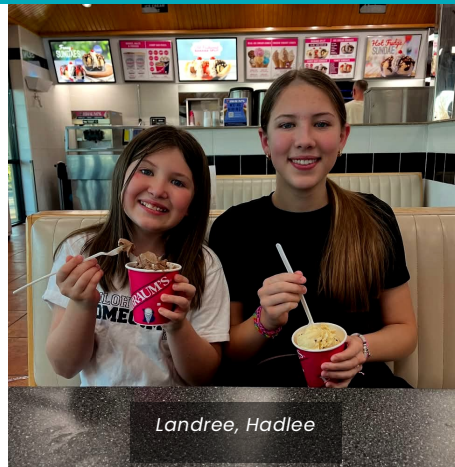
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WHAT'S NEW FOR DANA

The cold weather kept us home for most of January, except when I was at the studio or Anthony was at work. We did manage to attend most of Will and Ryan's basketball games nearly every Saturday.



Landree, Hadlee



Evie, Megan



Will, Ryan



Natalea

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ANNIE BANTA

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Annie

Meet Annie Banta!

Annie lives with her mom, dad, brother Isaiah (5), and their pets, Sally and Derby. She attends

Stonewall Elementary and loves math, art, and music. Annie is a dedicated swimmer, with the backstroke being her favorite stroke.

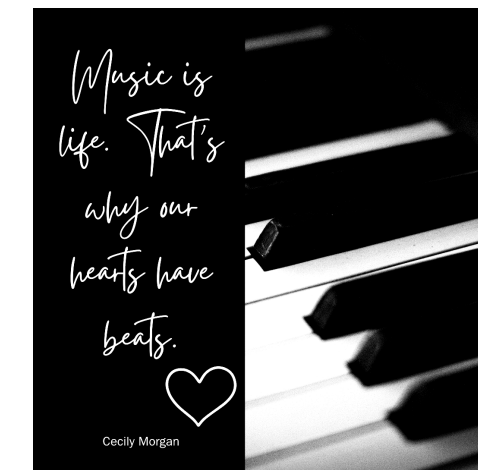
Her favorite books are the "Mercy Watson" series, and her favorite movie is "Elf." Annie was nominated for star artist and recently won her first swimming meet. She's thrilled about participating in the state swim meet and is also practicing for her school music performance, "Pirates."

Annie has always been musical and says, "It's been a fun challenge to learn

to read music and play the piano."

She's soft-spoken yet very determined—nothing keeps her down! She started Piano Express last summer and is already about 75% of the way through level two. Even after breaking her arm last fall and missing a few weeks of piano, she came back with a vengeance as soon as she got a less restrictive cast.

Annie is a joy and has made quick friends in her PX class. Teachers and students alike love her sweet disposition!



COMMUNITY

Studio Happenings



WELCOME NEW STUDENTS!

QUINN HAGIHARA
 AMANDA ISAACS
 PATRICK RUSSELL



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

ZAYNE D'SOUZA FEB 6
 GABRIEL BAILEY FEB 14



IMPORTANT DATES

WINTER PERFORMANCE
 FEB 22
 SPRING BREAK
 APR 7-13
 SPRING RECITAL
 MAY 12

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WINTER PERFORMANCE

Our Winter Performance at another senior residence is coming up this month! Here are the details:

WINTER PERFORMANCE

Saturday, February 22 @ 1:00 p.m.

Cedarhurst of Beaumont

1165 Monarch Street, Lexington

Each family represented is asked to make **20 Valentines or "Thinking of You" cards** for the residents.

We'll pass them out after the performance.

Please scan the code to RSVP (Yes or No) by Feb 14



NOTE WORTHY

Gabe Bailey is now in the rotation to play keys for Southland's youth worship team each month. Congrats, Gabe!

Receive recognition or participate in something cool or note worthy? Share it with me along with a photo of your participation and get in the DMS Keys newsletter!



Gabe

REFER A FRIEND

We're so glad you're a part of DMS, and we would love to have more students JUST LIKE YOU!

When you refer a friend to DMS and they enroll by February 28, 2025, **you'll EACH receive \$50 off one month's tuition.** Get all the details here:

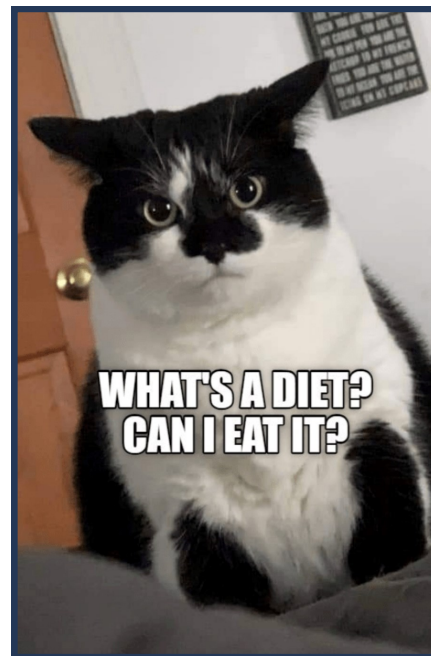
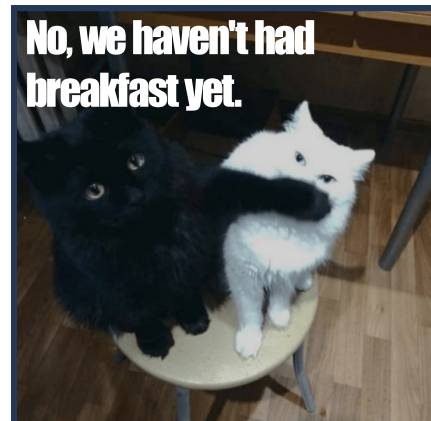
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HAVE A CONFLICT WITH YOUR LESSON?

PX Students reschedule your lesson here: calendly.com/danamartinstudio/piano-express-lesson-reschedule.

Private Students contact Dana to schedule an online or video feedback lesson.

FUNNY CAT MEMES



HAPPY.
Valentine's Day

PRACTICE TIPS

How to make practice part of a daily routine

1

Choose a time of day EVERY DAY that's piano practice time. Within a few weeks it no longer requires effort, but it becomes a habit the same way that brushing your teeth is a habit.

2

Keep the instrument in the center of your space. If the piano is in an isolated corner of the house like a basement or bedroom, it makes practice time feel more like a punishment than a shared activity. Keeping your keyboard in your living room or near to wherever you spend the most amount of time signals its importance in the family.



3

Celebrate the small wins. During practice sessions, praise "how smooth that section was," or "that rhythm was so fun and bouncy!" By celebrating the small wins, you are watering the seeds of encouragement and growth in your young student which may be what keeps them making music for a lifetime instead of just taking piano lessons for a season!

ART BEAT PERFORMANCE FUN!

We had an amazing time at the Art Beat Performance at the beautiful Marksbury Family Branch Library. We also got to demonstrate our Piano Express program, with Mr. Carmen helping the kids try it out.

A quick shoutout to the students who had to leave early and aren't in the photo—we missed you guys!

A huge thank you to all the students for your hard work and to the parents, grandparents, siblings, and friends who came to support. You all made the afternoon so special. We appreciate you!

A special thanks to Mr. Carmen for guiding the kiddos who wanted to test the waters with Piano Express. He enjoyed the experience as much as the kids did!

