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WHAT'S NEW FOR DANA

We went to Cleveland, Ohio for spring break along with Andrea and Jonathan and family to visit with Jon-Michael, Tiffany, and the girls. It's always great to have all the grands together. We enjoyed an Easter egg hunt, a trip to the beach — can you say “icicles,” eating out and fun activities for the kiddos. We saw Evie play in Fine Arts again this year. This was her fourth year participating, and she won the award of merit. See the details under “Note Worthy” on page 3.



Tiffany, Hadlee, Jon-Michael, Landree



Megan, Evie, Will, Natalea, Ryan



Hadlee, Andrea, Megan, Evie, Jonathan, Jon-Michael, Anthony, Natalea, Will, Ryan, Landree, Dana, Tiffany



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AJ PERSINGER

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



AJ

My name is Allie Jo “AJ” Persinger. I live with my Mom, Dad, Ava (sister), Matthew (brother), Lucy and Gabby (dogs- yellow labs), Theo and Ellie (cats). I'm a third grader at Dixie Magnet Elementary. My favorite subjects are Math and Science. I love doing Chinese Dance and chorus at school. I started Girl Scouts this year and I love it. I play soccer for Kings Hammer and I

am a goalkeeper. I like to watch Kentucky play with my family.

My favorite activities are soccer, dancing for fun with my friends, swimming, and my favorites books are Piggie and Elephant

I play the piano because I wanted to learn how to play a musical instrument.

AJ loves to tell me about her week, especially anything funny that may have happened!

She's a diligent practicer and enjoys playing songs she's familiar with.

She recently learned “I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing.” I told her about how that melody was used in a Coke commercial many years ago, and I played part of the video on YouTube for her. She still quotes the Coke lyrics when she plays the song.



COMMUNITY

Studio Happenings

Hi! WELCOME NEW STUDENT!
JARED BOREK

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
MADISON BONIN APR 16
JESSICA LANGNER APR 16
EMILY PAREDES-MENDOZA APR 24
AJ PERSINGER APR 27

IMPORTANT DATES
SPRING BREAK (NO LESSONS) APR 1-7
SPRING RECITAL MAY 13
NO LESSONS MAY 13-31
SUMMER LESSONS WEEKS
JUNE 3, 10
JULY 8, 15

9TH ANNUAL PRACTICE COMPETITION

It all begins on your lesson day the week of April 8! 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!

SUMMER LESSONS @ DMS

Here's a reminder of how summer lessons work at DMS.

All lessons are on a 12-month payment schedule (August-July) By May students have received the majority of their 38 scheduled lessons, but haven't paid for all of them. June & July payments are required to finish out the payment schedule.

Keeping students engaged and playing during the summer is most beneficial for the student.

I realize that summer is a busy time. That's why we have options! DMS offers group classes as an

alternative (or supplemental) to individual lessons in the summer.

This summer, grade school kids will enjoy Olympic themed groups in honor of this being an Olympic year.

Teens (middle and high school students) will enjoy learning to play keys in a band. The details are below.

All elementary, middle, and high school students MUST REGISTER for their summer individual lessons, group classes, or a combination of both.



This year's theme for elementary students is "Music Olympics" 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, as well as improve rhythm and other music skills through entertaining games and activities, play fun songs together and get to know other students.

All elementary students must register for your summer lessons choices.

To register: scan the code or visit bit.ly/dmssummer2024.



FUNNY CAT MEMES



When you meet your brother from another mother



The fast and the floofiness

LEARN TO PLAY KEYS IN A BAND FOR TEENS

Would you like to play keys in a band? Or learn to chord pop or worship music?

All Middle and High School students are invited to join our Summer Groups where we'll:

- Discover the role of the keyboardist – lead, support, accent, all of the above
- Unleash your creativity – from improv to composition
- Identify and transition smoothly into song sections – chorus, verse, bridge and more
- Play chord progressions that will make you look like a pro in no time!

All teens must register for your summer options. To register: scan the code or visit bit.ly/dmssummer2024teens.



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.



NOTE WORTHY

Ethan Abrams, who was featured in last month's Keys, shared this with me: "All of our Lafayette choirs got the highest possible rating (distinguished) for the KMEA Assessment results, with my choir, the Lafayette Chorale, getting a distinguished in all categories."



Ethan (second from left) singing in Lafayette Chorale

This was Evie Carey's fourth year participating in District Fine Arts, a state-wide competition for teens with the Assemblies of God. She won the award of merit (highest score for her category) and was asked to play for the closing ceremony. She will also play at National Fine Arts this summer in Columbus, Ohio. You'll get to hear her piece at the recital next month.



Evie playing piano at Fine Arts at Campbellsville University

If you have a recent special recognition you'd like to share, please send me the details and a picture to be featured here in the newsletter.



Please join us for an evening of beautiful music!

Piano Recital

MONDAY, MAY 13
7:00 PM

LAFAYETTE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
264 Lafayette Parkway
Lexington, Kentucky

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MORE THAN A RECITAL

The DMS Spring Recital is more than a recital. It's a CELEBRATION of how far students have come this past year, and a must-attend event for all DMS students!

Students also receive recognition for completing the 30-Piece Challenge and their accomplishments in the Practice Competition!