

## Calendar

### Teacher Vacations

**Laurie** Jul 4-6

**Bridget** Jul 4-5

**Sherrine** Jul 4-10

Reminder: Teacher vacations are built into tuition, so your monthly tuition remains the same.

### Events

**All of July** - Playlist Challenge!

**Jul. 15 at 6:30** - Performance opportunity at Fountain View Senior Living Community

**Jul. 22, 7-9 pm** Adult Jam and Singalong at the studio

**Jul. 23 at 3:00** - Performance opportunity at Remington Heights Retirement Community

**Aug. 19, 7-9 pm** Adult Jam and Singalong at the studio

### July Birthdays

21 Keaton Rodgers

23 Elise Fossler

25 Gina Taitague

26 Kellie Donlin

27 Molly Fisher

30 Kieran McWilliams

31 Kayla Quinn

## Request for Students/Parents

We would really appreciate all of our students taking advantage of their online accounts now available. This is the most efficient way we can keep all of your contact information up-to-date.

It is also a resource for you, where you can check your **current balance** (new charges post 10 days before they are due) as well as the full studio schedule. If you ever need to come to a different class as a **makeup**, all the class times and current levels are available here - just click on "Enroll in a Class" to see the schedule, then cancel without actually enrolling.

Follow the link from Student Resources on our website to access your account. Log in with your e-mail address and password (temporary password is Harmony1 if you haven't changed it).

Thank you!!

## Conquer the 10 Worst Time Wasters

By Jeff Beals

The great management theorist Peter Drucker once said, "Until we can manage time, we can manage nothing else."

Nobody actually *perfects* the art of time management. With dedication and practice, however, you can come close.

Perhaps the most insidious time waster is television. According to the A.C. Nielsen Co., the average American watches more than four hours of television each day (or 28 hours per week, or two months of nonstop television-watching per year).

But it's not just television that devours our time. Video games, Internet surfing, hobbies and overly active social calendars can all be problems.

Now, none of this is to imply that you must extinguish all fun from your life in order to be successful. We just need to schedule our enjoyable activities carefully.

As you contemplate your goals, your work and your daily schedule, think about how you can tighten up your time management skills. The first step is to eliminate the time wasters. To help you know just what you are up against, here is my list of the "Top 10 Time Wasters:"

1. Television
2. Worrying
3. People interruptions when it's time to focus
4. Procrastination
5. Inability to say "no"
6. Lack of planning
7. Perfectionism
8. Disorganization
9. Excessive social media, internet and video games
10. Too much socializing

Ultimately, no one but you should be able to control your time and how you use it. If you allow people to abuse your time, they will do it happily. Decide that you are in control of your time and don't let others take over.



## 'Like' us on Facebook!

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## Playing Opportunities

**All students** - two dates are set at retirement centers to share your talent and brighten residents' days (see calendar above). These count toward points on the playlist challenge. Sign up at the studio!

**Adult students** - two more singalong jams are scheduled (see calendar above). The first jam last was a success, with lots of playing, singing, eating, drinking, and laughter! Students also learned part of Piano Man! Please join us.

## STUDENT LYRICS

Lyrics to 'Sleeping'  
by Conner Dvorak

Conner is watching TV in bed  
Grant is watching with Conner in bed  
Midnight is when, the next show begins,  
Mom is sleeping tonight.

Good night, click off, dream time,  
Morgan is watching  
iCarly, Sponge Bob, and Scooby Doo  
Shine on my TV.

"Sam" by Aiden Shackelford  
(sung to Family Tree)

This is my friend Sam, He's a playful pal.  
He's a nice musician, He acts things out.  
He likes making videos a lot.  
He's a big ole pal, he's a big ole pal, he's a big ole pal.

Lyrics to 'Danny Boy'  
by Taylor and Amanda Srygley

Although you're gone, my life will still go on and on.  
From day to day, I sing my song and pray.  
That you'll come home, and I won't be alone.  
When you're at war, I feel my heart is torn.  
When you come back, I feel no sorrow;  
My heart will sing with joy and victory.  
You're home; we've won, because the war is done.  
Now love will shine through all the pain,  
'Cause you are mine.

## Student Spotlight - Keaton Rodgers

Keaton's stats:

**Age:** 8

**Grade:** 4th grade at Blumfield Elementary in Ralston

**Family:** Mom, Dad, younger brother Kade, the family dog, Ellie and a goldfish named Hot Wheels.

**Hobbies:** playing video games, participating in sports, reading books, eating

**Favorite animal:** turtles

If Keaton could have **one wish** come true it would be to have "Super Powers".

One of his **least favorite** things is chores; especially detestable are vacuuming, dishes and dusting.

Keaton started taking Simply Music lessons in 2009. Currently his group of 6 is at the end of Level 4. His favorite song so far is Light Blue. His favorite part of SM so far is Reading Rhythm. "I really like clapping out the beat of different rhythms," he says.

**Keaton's practice tip:** Get to the piano six days a week, and rest on the seventh.

## PIANO HAIKUS

Haiku is a poetic form and a type of poetry from the Japanese culture. Haiku poets write about everyday things. Many themes include nature, feelings, or experiences. The most common form for Haiku is three short lines. The first line contains 5 syllables, the second line 7 syllables, and the third line five 5 syllables. Haiku doesn't rhyme. A Haiku must "paint" a mental image in the reader's mind. This is the challenge of Haiku - to put the poem's meaning and imagery in the reader's mind in ONLY 17 syllables over just three (3) lines of poetry!

Here are some piano haikus written by student **Elise Fossler**, age 8:

*Sounds of a soft song  
Looks like a nice harmony  
Sing and dance again*

*Watching fingers dance  
Playing a sweet melody  
Singing, dancing sounds*

*Simply playing songs  
Fingers are playing quite nice  
Keys to harmony*

*Amazing music  
Sounds of a nice melody  
Keys playing music*



## Kritter Korner

### Challenges

Hi! It's me, KC, and I'd like to talk to you about challenges. It's Summer Playlist Challenge time! My furry friends and I

are really jazzed up, because some of our own summer challenges include: chasing squirrels, extended summer naps, barking to Bach, and swinging at the park (see my pic!).

One of the secrets to a happy and productive life is understanding that challenges are in our lives for a reason. They help us learn and grow. If you hide away from challenges, you may end up stuck in the same place.

Look at the Summer Playlist Challenge as a motivating way to take your piano-playing up a notch. P.S. If you get any treats as prizes, feel free to throw some my way... I LOVE treats!

KC the Dog 