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"Mark" My Words... a message from Dawn Giganti

Happy September!

I don't know if it is because school is back in session or if a story came on the news while I was sleeping. For some reason, I felt it on my heart to share this little story with you. About eight years ago, my daughter came home in tears because her two best friends turned on her and were being mean to her. They were downright tormenting and bullying her, making middle school life miserable. My very first thought was to kick those girls in the you-know-what! Like most moms, I tend to turn into a mamma bear when it comes to my cubs. I just wanted to stop my little girl from hurting and make it all better, and also teach those other girls a lesson. I was anxious and angry, and I wanted to fix everything and make it better. I suggested a few not very lovely jabs she could repeat when these girls started bullying her again. My first reaction isn't always something I'm exactly proud of.

However, my daughter took a different route all on her own. Instead of engaging and repeating the things I suggested, she ignored them and never let them get to her. For an 8th grader, this wasn't exactly easy to do. When they stopped getting the reaction they wanted, they eventually stopped. My daughter had the last word without saying anything at all. She was the better person, and I couldn't be prouder of her!

"For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control." (2 Timothy 1:7 ESV) In other words? It is better to act with love and kindness towards everyone, including those who wrong us. I'm not saying it is easy! Usually, our first instinct is to retaliate and be nasty back. Heck, that was my initial reaction! Instead, be like my daughter and try to hold your head high and ignore the criticism and little digs.

I wish I could say that this all goes away when those school days are over. Unfortunately, I think we all know that's not true. It doesn't matter if you are 13 or 63, mean people can be any age and in any social setting. It can be a neighbor, someone at work, another parent in the PTA, a clique at church. We've all experienced it, and it hurts. Bullying is wrong, period.

My daughter will be 22 years old soon. She has run into these girls at the store from time to time. My daughter has chosen to let bygones be bygones. They are more like acquaintances now. Like I said, grace over bitterness. You will live with a much lighter and happier heart! Try to be like my daughter and find that reserve of strength inside yourself be the better person. Choose kindness over maliciousness, grace over bitterness. Be brave enough to help someone you see being bullied.

Have a wonderful fall! Time for pumpkin bread, pumpkin pie, pumpkin spice lattes, pumpkin spiced oatmeal, pumpkin-spiced M&M's, pumpkin-spiced Oreos ... did you hear they have pumpkin spiced SPAM? Yes... really! It's supposed to be hitting the stores sometime this month. If anyone tries it, please email and tell me how it was. I don't have the nerve to try it myself!

Warm regards,

Dawn Giganti, Marketing & Administrative Assistant
Creative Carpet & Flooring

P.S. I do need to add, being bullied can get very serious. By no means am I downplaying that. We shouldn't try to handle these situations alone, and authorities should be involved when needed.

Month at a Glance:

2nd Labor Day - Dedicated in honor of the worker, it's also appropriately called the "workingman's holiday."

2nd VJDay, WWII - marks the end of WWII & the cessation of fighting against Japan, "Victory in Japan" or "Victory over Japan" Day.

11th 911 Remembrance - On the 18th anniversary of 911, spend a few minutes reflecting, praying for the victims who died, & their families & friends.

15th Dawn Churchill's Birthday - May you be eternally blessed & have your faith only strengthen in the years to come.

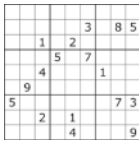
15th Mark Bouquet, Jr's Birthday - We just can't let the day go by without saying, "Happy Birthday ya dingus!" Well, that's what your mom calls you!

23rd First Day of Fall - Get ready for pumpkin spiced EVERYTHING!

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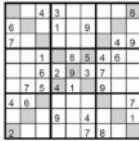
Varieties of Sudoku - The Craze Keeps Getting crazier

Do you remember when there was only one type of sudoku puzzle? It was a simple (or sometimes not so simple) 3x3 grid using only the numbers 1 to 9. Now, as the sudoku craze is sweeping the world, new sudoku varieties are coming out of the woodwork. There are now so many variations on the original sudoku game that newbies just don't know where to start. Now then... here is a quick guide to some of the newer sudoku variations with basic rules:



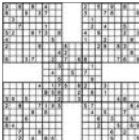
Standard Sudoku: This is the original sudoku game (also called Number Place). It is also referred to as a 3x3 (3 mini-grids across, 3 mini-grids down). Each mini-grid, row, and column must contain the numbers 1 through 9. There can be no duplicates in any row, column, or mini-grid.

Sudoku 4x4 and 5x5: This is similar to standard sudoku, but there are either 4 mini-grids across and down, or 5 mini-grids across and down. The 4x4 variation usually uses the numbers 1 through 16, though some versions also add in letters. The 5x5 version uses both numbers and letter. Again, no duplicate letters or numbers are permitted in rows, columns, or mini-grids.



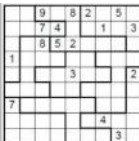
Sudoku-X: The X factor in this puzzle is simply the addition of one rule: Each of the two corner-to-corner diagonals must not have duplicate numbers. So, in a 3x3 sudoku-x, each column, row, mini-grid, AND the two diagonals will have the numbers 1 through 9.

Alphadoku: Similar to standard sudoku but uses letters of the alphabet rather than numbers. How many numbers used will depend on how many mini-grids are across and down.



Samurai Sudoku: Typically, 5 standard sudoku puzzles are joined together in the middle. The first 4 full sudoku puzzles are placed separately, with the fifth puzzle placed in the very center sharing a mini-grid with each of the other 4. Each full puzzle can be worked separately, but they must all follow the rules of the standard sudoku.

Killer Sudoku: A killer sudoku requires simple adding. There will still be rows, columns, and mini-grids, but the individual squares (or cells) of the puzzle will be connected (either by color or by dotted lines). There is a small number in the upper corner of the connected cells. The numbers that go in each of the connected cells must add up to this number. Killer sudokus still follow all the same rules of unique numbers.



Irregular Sudoku: These puzzles do not have square mini-grids; they are irregular in shape but must still contain all the numbers 1 through 9. Standard row and column rules apply. While these puzzles are not any more complicated than standard sudoku, it does take a while to train your eye to recognize an irregular mini-grid shape.

As time goes on, sudoku authors create new sudoku variations and even combine the above sudoku games into a new puzzle. Imagine a Killer Sudoku X Samurai with Irregular mini-grids. Now THAT sounds like a challenge!

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Feel exhausted and want something fresh to release all your fatigue? Add a teaspoonful of honey to your tea! Honey is a source of nutrition. It contains many enzymes, vitamins, minerals and amino acids, as well as fructose, glucose, and water. Also, honey contains antioxidants that can fight free radical from the human body. Free radical are molecules that attack healthy human cells.

Current research on honey has shown its benefits as an antimicrobial agent that can treat different kinds of ailments. The most common use of honey as an antimicrobial agent is to treat wounds, burns and skin ulcers. Honey can also help seasonal pollen allergies. Consuming a teaspoonful of honey a day for a few months can boost your immune before the allergy season (mostly during autumn) comes.

Thanks to the bees, people can taste the sweetness of honey and take the benefits out of it to improve human's health. Bees are probably the most helpful insect to human. They produce not only honey but also other things related to honey. Let's see what they are:

- ▶ **Royal Jelly** – This is the most nutritious food for the queen bees throughout her life. Luckily, humans can take out and consume some of it. It tastes a little bit bitter but has so many benefits. It's rich in vitamins, minerals, proteins, amino acid and antibiotic. It can enhance immunity; prevent arthritis and multiple sclerosis; treat asthma; slow down the signs of aging; stimulate hair growth and more.
- ▶ **Beeswax** – It's a product from the abdomen of the worker bees. Worker bees have some glands on the inner sides of the ventral shield or plate of each segment of the body. The beeswax is useful to make lipstick, capsules, balm, body lotion, candles or as a wood polish or floor polish.
- ▶ **Bee Pollen** – It's the male seed of a flower blossom that is gathered by the bees. Consuming bee pollen is said to help you have more vitality in life. Most athletes like bee pollen because it sustains and enhances their quality performances. For ordinary people, bee pollen can stimulate organs and glands, rejuvenates the human body, and is said to bring about a longer life span.

As you can see, all the products made by bees are beneficial for our health. Probably wouldn't hurt to give it a try!

Benefits of Playing the Piano

Many people would argue that playing the piano must be one of the most rewarding and fun hobbies there is, at least if you like music! If you're thinking of learning to play the piano, here are 5 benefits that might convince you to start!

1. **It Makes Music Theory Easier** – No matter which instrument people play, when they get to a certain level and starts to learn music theory, they will need to familiarize themselves with the keyboard. Why? Because if you know the keys well, it's easy to learn music theory such as scales and arranging, because you can visually see how it works. It stops being something you just read in a book and becomes something real.
2. **It Makes You Smarter** – There are a few things about playing the piano that makes it particularly good exercise for our brain. One of them is to use both hands independently, which we never do at all as much as when we play the piano. Another thing that we do simultaneously is to read music using the treble and the bass clef, which also is very stimulating. At the same time, you need to use the pedal, turn the page, watch your fingering, and interpret the music, making playing the piano a real brain workout!
3. **It's Good for Your Mental Health** – Playing music is good therapy and will calm you down when you're upset and stressed. If you're feeling low, playing a sad song might be precisely what you need, or maybe the opposite, you can play a happy tune to cheer yourself up.
4. **It Makes You Better at Math** – Scientific research has shown a link between math skills and playing the piano. Apparently, we get better at math when we play the piano!
5. **There's Always More to Learn** – No matter how good you get, there is always somebody who's going to be better. No matter how many songs you can play, there are a million more you've never tried. You will always have more to learn, which many pianists find very charming. It lets them stop focusing on how good they are and enjoy the process. You know, happiness is in the journey, not the destination, and when it comes to piano, we will never actually get there, because we will always have more to learn.



Hobby Help. (2018, September 21). 18 Incredible Benefits of Playing the Piano. Retrieved from Hobby Help: <https://hobbyhelp.com/piano/benefits-of-playing-piano/>

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- (B) Chicago**
- (C) Rockford**
- (D) Aurora**

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Answer to August's quiz:

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Kids say the funniest things




One day I was sitting on the outside stoop waiting with my 4 year old Granddaughter for her father to come home from work. I looked up into the sky... seeing the moon... I said "look Miranda, do you believe a man walked on the moon?"

She replied, "No Grandma, a Cow Jumped Over the Moon!"

My granddaughter is now 22 years old, but that will remain in my memory forever.

~Mary W. of Oak Forest, IL

What is the funniest thing a child has ever said to YOU? Please email dawn.g@creativecarpetinc.com and share your story we can feature in a future Creative Carpet & Flooring Creative Thinking newsletter!



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