



The Greta Berman Arbetter KAZOO SCHOOL

Education is not a preparation for life, but life itself
-John Dewey

September 12, 2011

Mission Statement

Kazoo School nurtures curiosity, creativity, and self-confidence, through a school experience that is active and rigorous.

We recognize that students have different needs at different developmental stages, and we provide a curriculum that integrates academic, social, emotional, and physical learning opportunities for each child.

We celebrate our cultural differences and embrace a commitment to inclusiveness, sustainability, and the partnership between family and school.

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E-NEWS



September 10th, 2011 - Kleinstuck Walk

Classroom News

You can find all of our faculty updates and classroom news on our [Online Classroom Blog](http://www.kazooschool.org/onlineclassrooms/) at:

<http://www.kazooschool.org/onlineclassrooms/>

Log-in: [kazooschool](http://www.kazooschool.org)

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Mind the Gap

By David H. Feldman, Head of School

No matter what the economic times, each of us is always looking for a bargain, and if you have it within yourself, you may approach a purchase with the know-how of a great “haggler.” If you’ve spent any time in a car dealership, tried to buy or sell a house, or walked into a store that doesn’t put price tags on its goods, you know what I mean. In our market-based system the cost of something is often determined by what someone is willing to pay, or better yet, what someone is able to negotiate. We have been trained as American consumers to believe that everything we buy has a built in profit for the

seller; so even when we feel like we have gotten a good price we still know that the seller made money. This market philosophy is deeply rooted in our American culture. No good businessperson sells something at a loss – how could you possibly stay in business if you ran your company on those terms?

This summer I thought long and hard about these basic American principles of economics as I prepared for the coming school year. All the concepts that are at the heart of making a profit are turned on their head when we talk about funding private schools. Each year we set tuition, and each year as the cost of running a school increases an impression is set in our community that a private school education is expensive.

Now let me be clear, a private school education is expensive, but are you aware that it costs significantly more than you are actually paying? Unlike all the other purchases you make, the School does not build into its fees a profit. Kazoo School (and for that matter, independent

schools across the country) runs our business counter to basic tenets of capitalist economic philosophy: we are setting our prices with built in losses! The tuition that you pay does not cover the cost of running the school.

As contrary to basic principles of good business as that may seem, our school, and schools across the country do not charge enough to pay our bills. What that means is that each year we are dependent on philanthropy from our community to meet our basic financial needs. The gifts we ask you to make to our Annual Fund and your participation in the Scrip program quite literally keep the lights on and the doors open.

As an independent school, Kazoo School does not receive any government funding, nor does the School have investments in an endowment fund to sustain us when economic times are tough. We only have two choices when it comes to revenue, greater participation in charitable giving or increased annual tuition.

Our Board intentionally sets tuition levels below the real costs of operating our School so that more families can afford to send their children to Kazoo School. In return, we as a community must engage in a social contract; an agreement that we will make Kazoo School a priority in our annual giving, an understanding that each of us, to the degree that is appropriate for our economic condition, will financially support OUR School.

Annual Fund and Scrip are not supplements to help provide the extras that make a school year a little better. Annual Fund and Scrip are essential pieces of our budget, and without them we cannot sustain our program.

Enrolling your child in Kazoo School is a statement of your family's values and priorities. You have a School with institutional values and goals that match the hopes and dreams you have for your child. Please support that choice with your philanthropy. Each of us selects non-profit organizations to support with our donations, please make Kazoo School a priority in your giving.

Let me close then with a basic understanding; tuition does not cover the cost of operating Kazoo School. We need your help, we need your commitment, and we need your investment. In the coming weeks you will be asked to make a gift to the annual fund, please give generously. Community participation in the Scrip program is already underway, please participate actively. Stop by the office with questions on how the program works; we are happy to provide assistance.

Nothing less than the very existence of our School is dependent on your gift.



1st and 2nd grade Art Class

Reminders:

- Please turn in your enrollment packet to the office.
- Please join us for our first JV and Varsity girls volleyball home games (Free Methodist Church on Maple Street) Kazoo School will playing against the Gagie School
- If you haven't already signed up for conferences, please do so. The sign up sheet will be in the hallway in front of the office .
- Flu shots– We will have a nurse from Bronson Home Health Care at the school Wednesday, September 21st from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. distributing Flu shots (nasal mist not available) The cost is \$ 30.00. Children must be 9 years of age and a parent or guardian needs to be present to sign a consent form. The H1N1 vaccine is included with the seasonal vaccine so only one shot is needed.

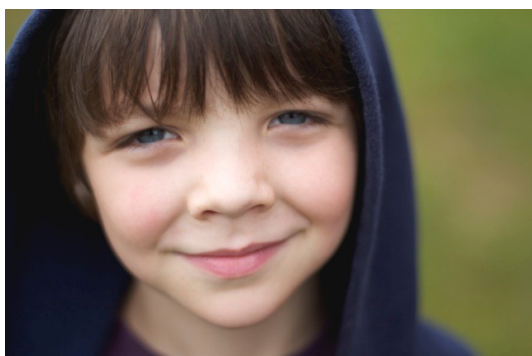
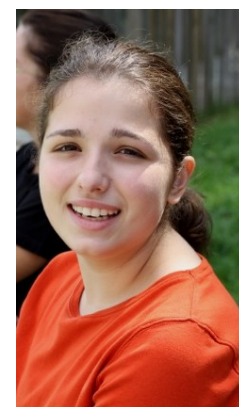


Preschool Buddies

- Picture Day -Tuesday, October 12th starting at 8:00 a.m.
- Please Join us for our Parent Association Meeting Wednesday, October 12th at 6:15 pm.
- We are looking for parent volunteers to help out with recess supervision on Wednesdays and Thursdays 11:45 – 12:15p.m. If you are able to help, please contact Kathryn at kbishop@kazooschool.org We really appreciate the help.
- All are welcome to attend our weekly Friday assemblies (8:00 – 8:30a.m.). Stop by for drop-off and stick around to see the program.
- **If we are outside and the temperature is 60 degrees or lower, students are required to wear jackets.**
- Make sure your child has a reusable water bottle at school every day so we can reduce the cost and waste of paper cups.



**2011-2012
Kleinstuck Walk and Back to School Picnic**



Private Music Lessons Kindergarten—8th grade



Kazoo School's Extended Day Program is excited to offer private music lessons in:

- . Piano
- . Voice
- . Guitar
- . Ukulele
- . Violin
- . Viola
- . Cello
- . String Bass
- . Trumpet
- . Trombone
- . Baritone
- . French Horn
- . Saxophone
 - . Flute
 - . Clarinet
- . Percussion

Weekly 30 Minute Lessons
\$25 per Lesson

If you are interested in setting up a lesson time, please indicate this on your Extended Day form. **You will need to have your own instrument to bring to lessons.**

Lessons are also available in a group setting. If you are interested in joining a class be sure to make a note on your form. If there is enough interest, Kathryn Bishop will contact you with class times.

Please contact Kathryn with questions at: kbishop@kazooschool.org or 269-929-2956