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"BACK TO
KAZOO
SCHOOL"
PARENT
ASSOCIATION
ACTIVITIES



August, 2009

Welcome

Kazoo School Families!

Whether you are a new or a returning Kazoo School family, this newsletter will provide you with information about Kazoo School Parent Association (PA) activities and projects. It includes:

- A list of our activities, past and present.
- A calendar of KSPA meetings for the 2009-2010 school year. We alternate between afternoon and evening meetings to accommodate our families' diverse schedules and childcare is always available for meetings. Quick tip: if it is an EVEN numbered month then it is an EVENING meeting.
- An opportunity for you to indicate how you can be involved with the PA. The enclosed KSPA Involvement Survey form will tell us about your interests, experience and availability. The completed form is also your ticket for a cool treat at the **Back to School Night**, Monday, September 14. Be sure to bring it with you!

KSPA Executive Board

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Basegroup Representatives:

All Positions OPEN

Be a Part of the PA Executive Board

The Executive Committee establishes the KSPA's goals and activities. We need Basegroup Representatives for each classroom to serve as liaisons between the KSPA and basegroup families and teachers.

In addition, we are looking for an individual to serve as the KSPA secretary. The role includes taking and distributing minutes for the KSPA meetings.

To become involved contact PA president, Elizabeth Lane-Davies @ 553-0608 or by email to lanedavies2@mac.com



Parent participation is an important part of the Kazoo School experience.



Back to School '09-'10

The Kazoo Parent Association is a volunteer organization of the Kazoo School in Kalamazoo, MI. The intended purpose is to support the mission of the school and to build community. All parents of Kazoo School students are automatically members and included in communications and encouraged to attend any activities of the PA. For more info contact PA president, E. Lane-Davies @ 553-0608.

Kazoo School Parent Association 2009-2010 Calendar of Events

This is a preliminary calendar and includes KSPA meeting dates and First Friday events. More events are sure to come as KSPA committees put together their plans for the year. For the most up-to-date calendar, go to the Academic Calendar on the Kazoo School Website at <http://www.kazooschool.org>.

Fri., Sept. 18
Movie Madness: *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs*,
TIME TBA

Fri., Oct. 4
First Friday, 7:30 a.m. in
Gym; theme TBA

Wed., Oct. 14
KSPA meeting, 6:15 p.m. in
Gym

Fri., Nov. 1 First Friday,
7:30 a.m. and theme TBA

Wed., Nov. 11
KSPA meeting, 3:15 p.m.

Fri., Dec. 4
First Friday, 7:30 a.m.

Sun., Dec. 13
Movie: *Disney's Princess &
the Frog* time TBA

Wed., Jan. 13
KSPA meeting, 3:15 p.m.

Fri., Feb. 5
First Friday, 7:30 a.m.
Annual Pancake Breakfast!

Wed., Feb. 10
KSPA meeting, 6:15 p.m. in
Gym

Fri., March 5
First Friday, time and theme
TBA

Wed., March 10
KSPA meeting, 3:15 p.m.

Wed., April 14
KSPA Planning Meeting,
Election of Officers 6:15
p.m. in Gym

What we do...a short list of various PA activities

First Fridays

Held the first Friday of most months during the school year, this event provides an informal and fun social time for Kazoo School families. Most First Fridays are early morning



events, beginning at 7:30 a.m. with food provided, but occasionally an evening or lunchtime First Friday event may be planned. Stay tuned for info about our first one

this year on October 2 @ 7:30 a.m.

Family Fun Nights

These evening activities allow Kazoo School families to come together for fun and fellowship. In the past we've hosted the Family Game Night (which introduced the all-famous Cakewalk to a new generation) and Family Fitness Night.

Friends of the Library

A committee of the PA that provides assistance organizing and maintaining our school library. This year the library will benefit from new cataloging software purchased by the PA.

Pixie Parents

This covert committee finds little ways to tell our teachers how much they are appreciated. Sometimes it's a homebaked treat or other goodie, sometimes it's simply a note, but it's always a secret and always sincere.

Parenting Enrichment

The PA aims to provide opportunities for us to learn more about aspects of our children's development and well-being. Last year, Occupational Therapist Wendy Horton-Bierma shared tips for using movement to help kids learn. If you have a topic you'd like explored, let us know!

Tears & Cheers

As a community we want to support each other in appropriate ways and Tears & Cheers helps coordinate a unified response when major life events happen for Kazoo kids and their families. We also host the 1st day of school "Tears & Cheers" parent coffee outside the east entrance near the map.

Other Ideas for this Year Include:

- Greening of the School
- Mentoring
- Family Cultural Field Trips
- Home Ec Classes
- Book Groups
- Parent Teach Day

*Bring your idea to the PA and get the ball rolling! If it supports students and Kazoo, builds community and isn't outrageously expensive, let's do it. We encourage new ideas and participation.

Lunch Orders

With no cafeteria option at Kazoo, packing lunches everyday can get dull for both kids and parents. The PA coordinates restaurant lunch options delivered to your student three days per week. Look for more info on the new menus the first week of school. All profits benefit the activities of the PA.

Snack Shoppe

On Tuesdays and Thursdays of each week, KSPA provides an opportunity for students to buy a snack for \$.50 each. Among those snacks are animal crackers, pretzels, fruit snacks and fruit juice. Punch cards are available for pre-purchase at \$5.00 each and cover 10 snacks. Proceeds go to fund KSPA events.

Movie Madness

Who doesn't love a good movie? The KSPA picks the movie, time and date and Kazoo School families all enjoy the flick and popcorn together at a local theater.

All-School Popsicle Playground Playdate

We celebrate the beginning of the school year by having an all-school popsicle playdate to allow us to get reacquainted and take a peek at the school for the coming year. Join us **Thursday, Sept 3** from **6:30-7:30 p.m.** on the Kazoo School playground for a cool treat with friends!



Summer Family Events: There are still fun events for families in August! Check the Kazoo website to view the Summer PA Newsletter!

Kazoo School
Parent Involvement Survey



Name _____

Child's name(s) and basegroup(s) _____

What is the best way to contact you? ___ Phone ___ Email ___ Other _____

Best phone number to reach you: _____

Email address: _____

What is the best time to contact you _____

Occupation: _____

Areas of special interest, expertise, hobbies _____

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(More on back)

Please indicate below by initialing next to the entries if you would be interested in volunteering in these areas. (The PA will contact you directly based on your stated interests.) If both parents have the same initials, please write first names:

Parent Association activities:

Basegroup Representative	_____	_____	PA Exec. Board	_____	_____
First Fridays	_____	_____	Snack Shop Worker	_____	_____
Pixie Parent	_____	_____	Friends of Library	_____	_____
Lunch Orders	_____	_____	Cell Phone recycling	_____	_____
Social Events (Family Fun nights, Ice cream social, etc.)	_____	_____		_____	_____

Kazoo School Board committees

Development/Fundraising	_____	_____	Technology	_____	_____
Education	_____	_____	Governance	_____	_____
Building/Grounds	_____	_____	Finance	_____	_____
ISACS Self Study	_____	_____			

Annual Events/activities:

Golf Outing (June '10)	_____	_____	Unique Boutique (Dec '09)		
Scrip Sales (ongoing)	_____	_____	Art/Crafts Sale	_____	_____
Kleinstuck Walk (Fall '09)	_____	_____	Field Day (May '10)	_____	_____
Girls on the Run (Spring)	_____	_____	Brownie/Girl Scouts	_____	_____
Back to School Night	_____	_____	Step Up/Graduation	_____	_____
Science Fair (Spring)	_____	_____	Grounds maintenance	_____	_____
Basegroup parent	_____	_____			

New Initiatives:

Green Initiative	_____	_____	Big Basement Cleanout & Garage Sale	_____	_____
After School Clubs/activities	_____	_____			

Please tell us if you have any skills, talents, ideas or comments for Kazoo School and/or the Kazoo School Parent Association for this year:

Please return this completed form at **Back to School Night** on **Monday, 9/14** and receive a cool, family treat!