

The Instrumental Essence of Music

It's no secret that music education has become less offered in today's modern public school systems. Due to this, many students are not granted the opportunities to play an instrument or to learn the basic foundations of music.

Here at Neighbors For Kids, students are engaged in music lessons starting with the building blocks of reading music. Students learn how to read music measures, and then given the opportunity to learn how to play an instrument. All instru-

ments are provided by Kids Zone with most lessons.

Instruments range from the acoustic guitar, bass, percussion, ukulele, didgeridoo, and piano. Each child is given the option to choose what instrument(s) they would like to have lessons with, and then receive group and individual lessons based on skill levels.

The second teacher is Melody Jackson, specializing in percussion. Melody has experience playing since 1992, belong-

Melody Jackson and Tony Kaltenberg
 ing to cover bands since 1996, and a recent addition to Kids Zone. The third music teacher for Kids Zone is Tony Kaltenberg, specializing in various instruments related to the guitar family. Tony has been playing music for many years, and also teaches private lessons at Red Lotus Music located in Newport, Oregon.

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Music Teachers

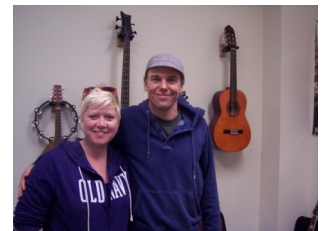
The music program at Kids Zone is composed of



Diane Robertson

three music teachers, each with a specialization in various instrument groups. The

veteran instructor is Diane Robertson who has 13 years of experience at Kids Zone teaching the elements of Piano, plus many years teaching in the capacity of a school music teacher in Philadelphia, PA for many years.



Percussion

Building from the ground up is essential to learning the many facets of percussion. Bear Jackson, a 7th grade student, stated that, "Its not just hitting a drum set. You have to keep the tempo because the tempo is what holds the song together. " Many students along with

Bear, have learned that drums is more that something to play, as it is one of the essence of music.

Melody Jackson, the instructor for percussion has set up workshop style classes for her students and devotes extra time to the students .

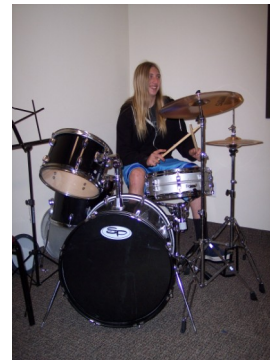
Teaching styles for percussion classes range from rhythm games for the younger children , to lessons of listening to the rhythm produced for the older students.

Guitar

Tony Kaltenberg teaches the elements of the guitar along with, mandolin, bass, and the ukulele. Tony teaches the children in one on one lessons as well as in small groups. He first begins his new students with the foundations of reading music, as well as teaching them to listen to themselves.

Tony's classes also focus on team building and creativity. He allows the students to chose what instrument they want to learn how to play, and then guides them through their learning process. The class is structured to where students are

learning in a cognitive manner, and can apply these techniques to other classes.



Bear Jackson playing drum set during his music lesson.

"I play the ukulele it's a great experience. I love to play because it makes me want to explore other cultures and find out what they play!"

-Emy Hvamstad-

Native cultural influences ukulele didgeridoo

Another source of instrumental influence are various cultures. At Kids Zone, culture reverberates in the music room with the ukulele, didgeridoo, and various drums from world wide cultures. These instruments allow the students

to perceive the world beyond our Oregon borders, and exposed to the fact that not all music is played with modern instruments. Most students playing the instruments become interested in the anthropology of music.



Emy Hvamstad having fun with the African Hand Drum.

Piano

No music class is complete without the quintessential piano class. Diane Robertson starts her young students off



6th grade student learning sheet music for upcoming recital. Photo Credit- Emy Hvamstad

with the foundations of keyboarding, next are worksheets, and ultimately John Thompson Piano books for the advanced students.

Not only does this class provide children the opportunity to play the piano, it also subconsciously teaches them the coordination of hands, self discipline, and memorization.

Once these elements are

engrained within the students many are able to perform at recitals and ultimately are able to learn music easier in a latter part of life.

Many students start learning piano at a young age, however at Kids Zone all children are welcomed to take lessons and learn how to play the piano.

"Learning music doesn't just teach you how to play instruments, it also helps you become more social."

-Bear Jackson-

How to get your child involved at Kids Zone

We are located along the Central Coast of Oregon in beautiful Depoe Bay. Our Kids Zone facility is located at 634 SE Hwy 101 at the south end of Depoe Bay. Kids Zone After-School Program is now operating on all Lincoln County

School District scheduled school days. Hours: 3:00 - 6:00 pm.

Kids Zone also has an annual Summer Camp, this year with dates from June 25th through August 23rd. Having hours of 12pm-5:30pm. New

classes will be offered this summer which include Science, Computer Technology, Art, plus Health and Cooking classes.

Kids Zone Kid of the Month!!



Chris Byrum has shown remarkable strength, character, and positive attitude while attended classes at Kid Zone. In fact, Chris is the student who designed the Kids Zone Newsletter header logo and graphic artist for the newsletter. When staff is in need of assistance, Chris is one of the first students to help out, and is quickly becoming a positive role model for the younger students.

Age:12

Grade:6th

School: Taft Elementary School

-Lincoln City, Oregon

Career: Doctor or a Movie Producer



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NEIGHBORS FOR KIDS

Mission Statement: Neighbors For Kids' mission is to provide youth in our region with educational enrichment, positive youth development, and recreational activities; all in a safe environment which focuses them toward healthy lifestyles and leads them to become responsible, contributing adults.

Our staff and volunteers are dedicated to helping kids reach their full potential.

We are always interested in new volunteers, so please apply to become a volunteer—working with youth groups is a great way to spend your time!

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Kids Zone Summer Camp!!

The Details

Where: Depoe Bay Kids Zone
634 SE HWY 101
Dates: June 25th-August 23rd
Days: Tuesday-Friday
Hours: 12:00pm-5:30pm
Cost: Tier One-\$10/day
Tier Two*-\$5/day
*(income based)

**Limited scholarships available, appointment required for scholarship application.

Summer Food Program

We will serve a healthy lunch from 12:30pm to 1:00pm daily. Lunch is FREE for all kids ages 1-18. Younger children are welcome to attend for lunch with a responsible adult.

Questions? Call (541)765-8990
Or visit

www.neighborsforkids.org

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The Fun

Tuesday: Science and Computer Tech

Wednesday: Art, and Health and cooking classes

Thursday: Field trips and projects

Friday: Music Lessons.

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