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Brandon Lowe at the Instrument Petting Zoo with violin teacher Kyle Walton.

More than a music school

by Katherine Moore

“We saw an opportunity and we took it,” says Adam Cole, co-director of the Grant Park Academy of the Arts. “Even though the greater Grant Park area is full of artists and musicians, no one had established a place where students could study the arts in the neighborhood. With the expansion of the area coming as a result of the Beltline, we knew we

could either be first or wish we had tried harder.”

And so a partnership was born between two veteran musicians and long-time Grant Park residents. Cole, a twelve-year veteran of the Fulton County and Atlanta Public School systems and an author with Royal Fireworks Press, was looking for a way to expand his existing

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Help brighten a child’s holiday

This year marks the seventh annual Atlanta Police Department’s Zone 6 Toy Drive, an event that helps bring many smiles to neighborhood children each year by providing gifts they might not receive otherwise.

“The success of our program is due to the generosity of Zone 6 residents, including those in the Kirkwood neighborhood,” says APD Officer Felicia Sweet. “We cannot do this without your help.”

Neighbors can drop off new, unwrapped toys at the Zone 6 station. Monetary donations are also accepted, along with gift cards. Gifts are needed for children of all ages, especially items appropriate for older children and teens. Written receipts for donations are available.

“We thank everyone for their generosity and look forward to blessing the lives of many of our neighbors this holiday season,” Sweet says.

Drop off donations at
2025 Hosea Williams Drive SE.
Questions? Ask Officer Sweet, 404-450-4054.

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Kirkwood Neighbors’ Organization (KNO) is a racially and economically diverse civic organization devoted to the revitalization of Atlanta’s historic Kirkwood community.

KNO meets on the 10th of each month at 7:00 PM at the Turner Monumental A.M.E. Church, 66 Howard St. NE.

Everyone is welcome!

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KNO Calendar of Events

- Monday, Dec. 4
Cut-a-Thon for Kirkwood Cares, Kelsey Erin Salon
- Tuesday, Dec. 5
KBOA Holiday Mixer, Kirkwood United Church of Christ
- Wednesday, Dec. 5
Kirkwood Neighbors Night at the Pullman
Come buy your Kirkwood banners and swag, and support Kirkwood Cares.
7:00 PM: Spring Fling Committee leadership meeting
- Monday, Dec. 10 • 7:00-8:00 PM
KNO Meeting & Holiday Potluck , downtown Kirkwood
- Wednesday, Dec. 12 • 7:30 PM
Winter concert, Toomer Elementary cafeteria
- Wednesday, Jan. 2
Kirkwood Neighbors Night at the Pullman
- Thursday, Jan. 10 • 7:00-8:00 PM
KNO Meeting, Turner Monumental AME Church

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- Atlanta Intown 1963 Hosea Williams Drive #R101
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- Dulce Vegan 1994 Hosea Williams Drive
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- Indigo Wellness 1963 Hosea Williams Drive #R107
- Kirkwood Feed and Seed 1998 Hosea Williams Drive
- Kirkwood Library 11 Kirkwood Road – not during renovation
- Langford’s Barber Shop 1947 Hosea Williams Drive
- Le Petit Marche 1963 Hosea Williams Drive
- LIV Fitness 1853 Memorial Drive
- Poppa Corn’s 1617 Hosea Williams Drive
- The Pullman 1992 Hosea Williams Drive
- Spotted Trotter 1610 Hosea Williams Drive Ste. A&B
- Sun In My Belly 2161 College Avenue
- Taproom Coffee 1963 Hosea Williams Drive #R106
- Toomer Elementary School 65 Rogers Street NE
- Urban Pie 2012 Hosea Williams Drive
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Grant Park arts hub

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music school, the Adam Cole School of Music. Katherine Moore, a long-time employee of The Music Class, wanted to return to her roots as a vocal pedagogue.

Moore also had a vision for homeschool offerings in the neighborhood. “I was taking my daughter all the way to Tucker for hybrid homeschool classes,” she says. “I couldn’t understand why, with all the homeschoolers we have in our neighborhood, there weren’t more opportunities here. Then I thought, ‘Why can’t we do that?’”

Other offerings one would expect from a community arts center are available at GPAA as well, including summer camps and after-school enrichment.

Cole and Moore spent the fall and winter of 2017 establishing a partnership with Park Avenue Baptist Church. The church, looking for a way to increase its community outreach, was more than happy to let them renovate space formerly occupied by the Girl Scouts. And so, with the help of their families, the two began



Songwriting Camp held at the Grant Park Academy of the Arts in July. Clockwise from upper left: Phoebe Richardson, Beckett Lamb, Co-Director Katherine Moore, Henry Hattikudur, Peter Langlois, Charlotte Langlois, and Sasha Khan.

cleaning and painting. Since then, the third floor has hosted summer camps, masterclasses, open houses, even a family jam with special guests from local bands. Enrollment is up, and with their continued outreach, GPAA is quickly becoming known as the community’s arts hub.

“‘Get Arts Centered’ – that’s our motto,” Moore says. “It represents everything we are and want to do.” Cole adds, “We’re not interested in weeding out the kids in the neighborhood who are going to be the next great musicians. We want to teach everyone to think like musicians, because musicians think like scientists, like mathematicians, like successful business people.”

www.grantparkarts.com or info@grantparkarts.com

Lessons and after-school enrichment are offered
Monday-Friday, 2:00-7:00 PM
Homeschool offerings typically take place during late morning and early afternoon hours during the week.
486 Park Avenue in Park Avenue Baptist Church

neighborhoods. Rather than ask what their students can do for the arts, Cole and Moore ask what the arts can do for their students. Their answer? Increased capacity to think clearly, to engage, to take risks, and to succeed.

Music instruction, for both kids and adults, currently covers piano, voice, guitar, woodwinds, and violin, with other instruments to come. Homeschool and after-school offerings include yoga, both STEM and STEAM, magic, visual arts, and a social awareness/community service class called Camp Freedom.

They are looking for more ideas, too. “We want to know what the community needs,” Moore says, “so we can bring it.”

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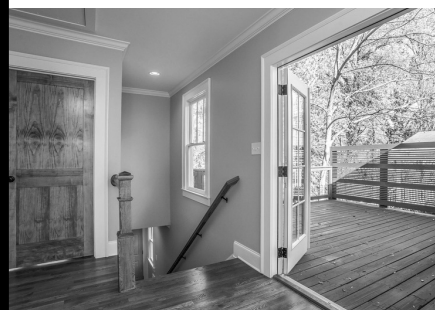
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Long-time Start:ME mentor Steven Klamon of TUC Managed IT Solutions notes, "Being a mentor in the Start:ME program is absolutely fantastic. Coaching and guiding potential entrepreneurs through the concept, development of a business plan, and then

ultimately implementation of their business entity is an incredibly thrilling and rewarding experience."

Mentors consistently state that they get even more than they give to the experience. Mentor Jessica Woodside of WIKI Instruments says, "Not only is Start:ME a

phenomenal opportunity to support entrepreneurs in my community, it is a great networking opportunity as well. I hope that the relationships we built during the program continue to grow."

The 2019 program runs on weeknights from mid-January through late March.

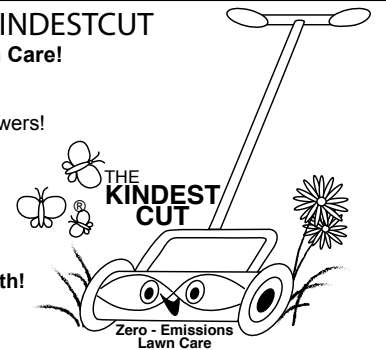
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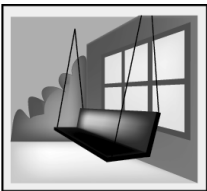
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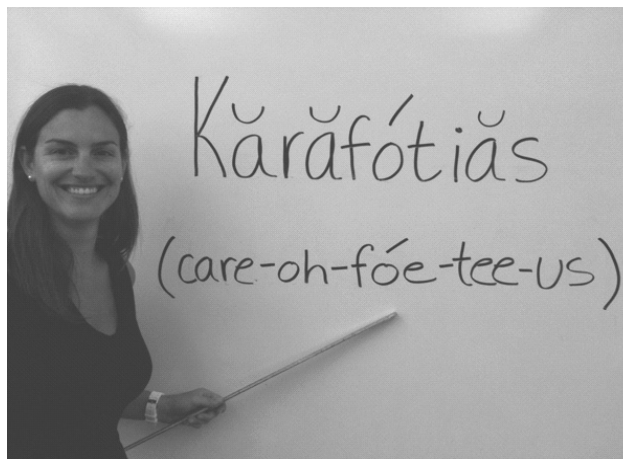
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Changes at Toomer: Moving forward in many ways

by Betsy Collins,
KNO Education Chair

Hello, Kirkwoodians!
There's lots of growth hap-
pening in education and
transportation here.

Toomer has a new princi-
pal, Caroline Brown. She is
a very experienced educator
and school leader with APS
who has lived in Georgia
since she was small child.
She has been a principal at
Burgess Elementary and
most recently at the Barack
and Michelle Obama
Elementary School. She's
known as a "no excuses"
leader who excels with
hands-on leadership and a
focus on the Common Core.

Her goal is to align
teaching well with the
CCRPI testing subjects so
that Toomer can continue to
prepare students for success
at the middle and high
school levels. Brown also
wants to improve outreach
to our Edgewood neighbors
and continue to involve both
our neighborhoods as well
as East Lake in building a
strong school.

Toomer is also getting
closer to its International
Baccalaureate designation,
led by Kaitie Clark, formerly
of Decatur City Schools.
We are all excited to see the
fusion of social-emotional
learning from IB and how it
will dovetail with Principal
Brown's vision for preparing
better for CCRPI.

Brown had a meet-and-
greet at the PTA meeting on

Nov. 14, where she conveyed
confidence, warmth, a
passion for teaching, and
hands-on leadership. She was
also introduced with the new
assistant principal, Teruko
Dobashi-Taylor. Taylor has
numerous responsibilities
as Brown's right hand, but
she expressed that one of
her passions is restorative
practices and disrupting the
school-to-prison pipeline.
Both leaders are excited
and committed to the
school, hopefully for several
years to come.

Winter and spring will
be a busy time for Toomer
PTA. The spaghetti dinner
— a huge community event
open to all and our largest
fundraiser — and Valentine's
Day dances are in February.
Toomer will also have a float
at Lanta Gras this year. We
are thrilled to have a larger
presence at the parade,
which is quickly becoming a
neighborhood favorite.

The KNO transportation,
education, and parks com-
mittees have continued to
advocate for a PATH spur
from the Trolley Trail to
Edgewood Court Apart-
ments (ECA). This appears
to be dovetailing nicely
with upcoming Trolley Line
Trail work and renovations
at ECA. Residents of ECA,
parents at Toomer Element-
ary, and Organized Neigh-
bors of Edgewood have all
shown strong support for the
project, and I will continue
to try to move the project
forward.

The City of Atlanta's new
Chief Bicycle Officer (aka
"Bike Czar") Cary Bearn,
has also been instrumental
in trying to rally these
groups and to smooth the
PATH, so to speak.

Speaking of bikes, Neil
Davis, SOPO Bike Coop-
erative board member and
Toomer parent, coordinated
Toomer's 2nd Grade Bike
Parade. He secured lights,
T-shirts (courtesy of Kap-
tain Kirk Clothing), and
helmets for all of Toomer's
2nd-graders. Students got to

ride and learn safety skills,
and everyone learned more
about alternative commut-
ing. Participating bike shops
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