

# 2026 SCHOOL YEAR!

**WHERE CHILDREN SUCCEED**

## INTRODUCING: KABAS QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

KABAS is a Michigan nonprofit and state-approved K-8 school dedicated to closing the learning gap for students with academic, behavioral, or developmental needs, including those with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). We provide an equitable, nurturing environment for children from marginalized communities who have struggled in traditional settings, empowering them to build essential academic and communication skills, independence, and confidence. Our mission ensures that every student receives the individualized education necessary to thrive in school and beyond.



## WHAT WE DO?

We employ the strategic science of teaching (STT) based on the proven principles of Applied Behavior Analysis. Classrooms implement Multi-tiered Systems of Support (MTSS), differentiated instruction, and mastery-based assessments and curricula to support academic excellence. Additionally, the KABAS Clinical Team provides monthly caregiver support. KABAS has been approved by the Michigan Department of Education. Would you like to learn more about our services? Scan the **QR code!**



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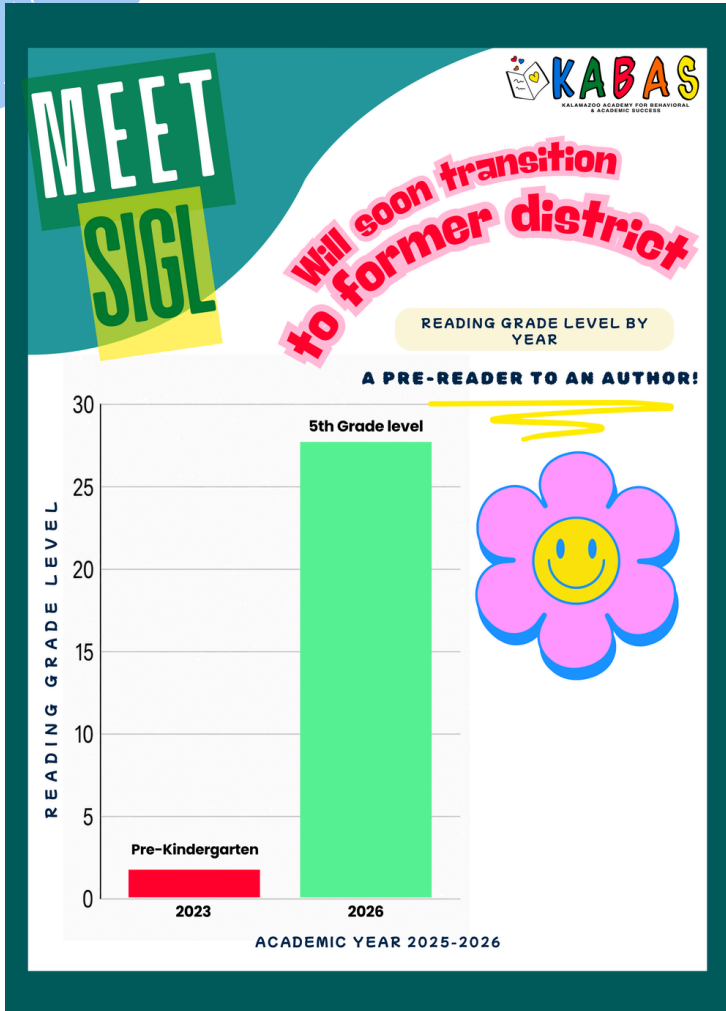


## VOLUNTEER AT KABAS

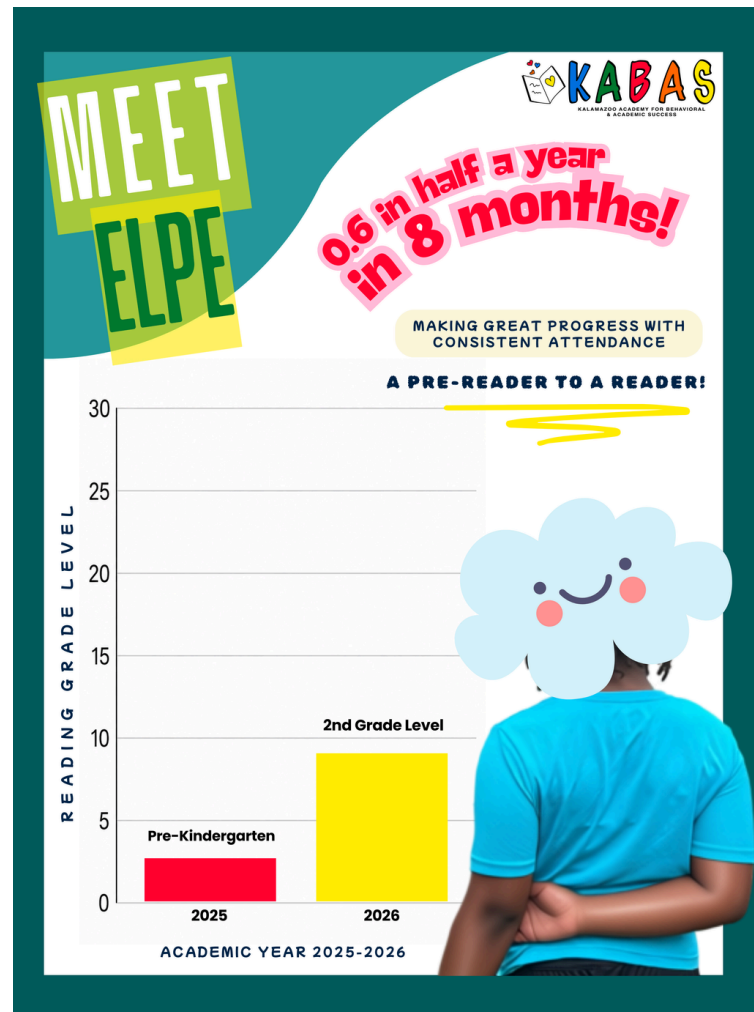
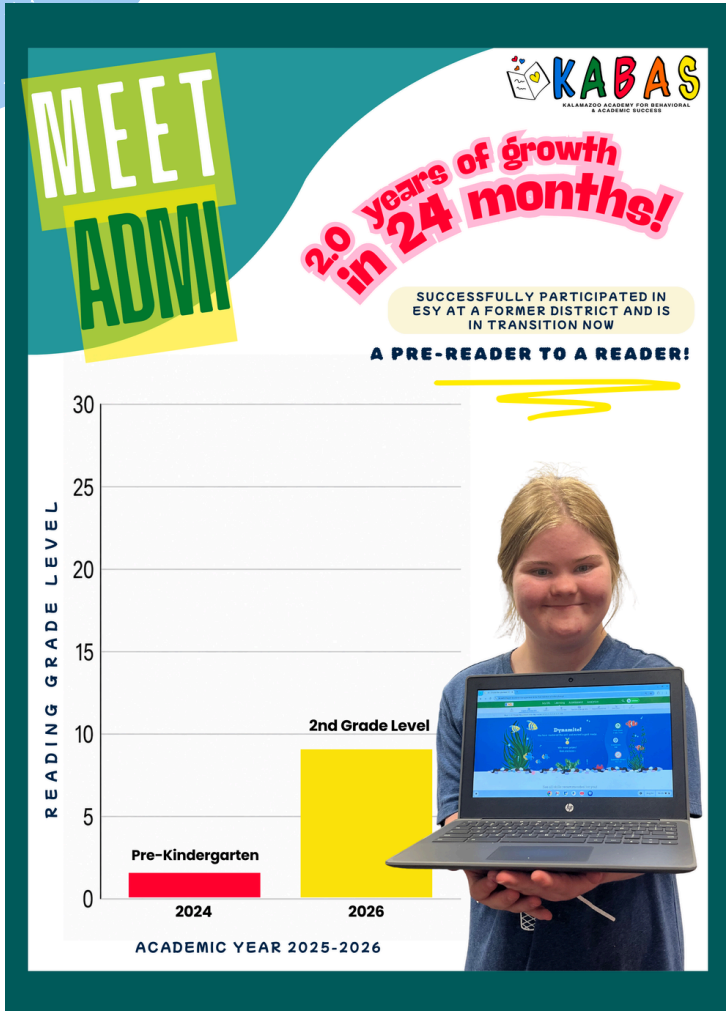
Want to volunteer at KABAS or pursue a career in child development, education or behavior analysis? Your help can enrich our educational journey with valuable resources and services. Join us in shaping a brighter, more vibrant community through education. Choose flexible opportunities, from 5-10 hours a week to a full day. **Scan the QR code** and complete the interest form to learn more.



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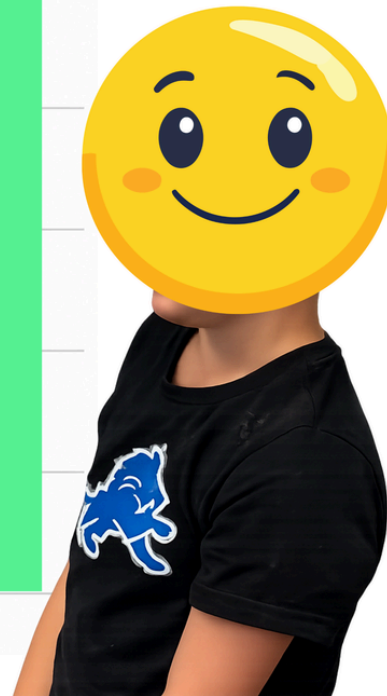
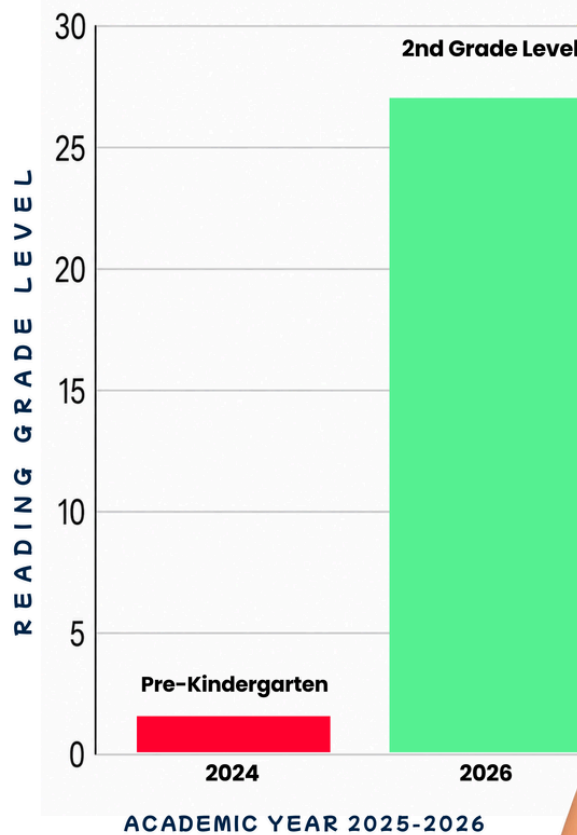
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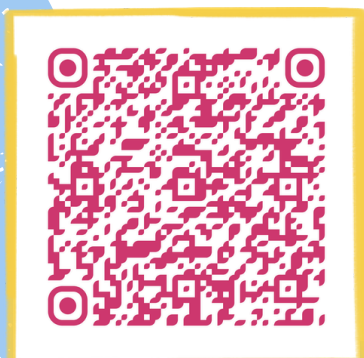
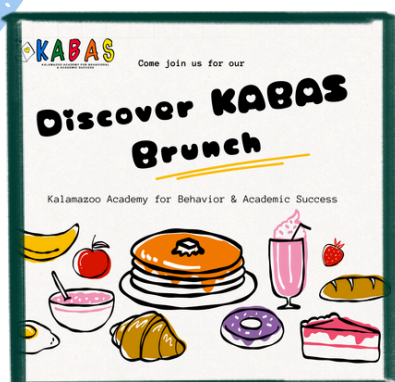
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# UPCOMING EVENTS

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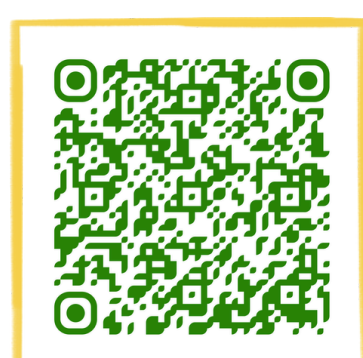
Join us for our 2nd Annual KABAS Benefit Brunch on September 18! Join our community for other upcoming fundraising events, such as KABAS at Art Night on 9/26, a parent-led event where 100% of proceeds will go to KABAS. Join us or donate a beautiful piece of art for the cause! Of course, we will see you at the inaugural KABAS gala in October!



Scan the QR code to RSUP for the KABAS Discover Brunch.



Scan the QR code to purchase tickets for the KABAS Brunch or become a sponsor.



Scan the QR code to RSUP for the KABAS Charity Gala!

# LOOKING FORWARD TO THE 2026-27

# STAY INFORMED

## NEW PARTNERSHIPS

- Western Michigan University (WMU): KABAS has established a 2-year graduate practicum for Master's and Doctoral students in the Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) program working toward their certifications in the Psychology Department. Students start in fall 2026!
- Kalamazoo Valley Community College (KVCC): We established an undergraduate practicum this past summer. Four undergraduate students received training and applied experience working with the KABAS student population.
- Developing Partnerships with local Learning Centers: We believe in the power of community, inclusiveness, and collaboration. We go farther, together! KABAS is working on formally establishing partnerships with local Preschool programs that support marginalized communities. We hope that KABAS will lead workforce development by providing science-based consultation in addition to support for families in need in Kalamazoo.



# **SUPPORT KABAS KIDS!**

The KABAS tuition is \$40,000 per year, which is the cost of educating students experiencing a learning gap. KABAS uses a sliding-scale fee to ensure families have equitable access to our services. To date, none of our families can afford full KABAS tuition. Last year, we gave approximately \$400,000 in scholarships. We rely on donors, funders, and supporters like you to keep our doors open. Invest in the future of Kalamazoo. Invest in KABAS today!

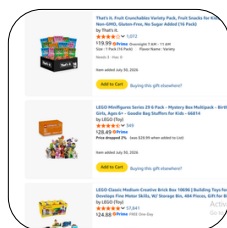
## **SUPPORT OUR KZCF FUNDS**

The Kalamazoo Academy for Behavioral & Academic Success Has an Endowment Fund: The Kalamazoo Community Foundation. Invest in the Children's Future Today!



## **SUPPORT OUR WISH LIST!**

The joy of learning is key to success! KABAS instructors keep our students engaged at all times. We work hard, and then play hard! Support our students and Instructors by donating items from our Amazon Wish List.



## **FOLLOW OUR SOCIALS!**



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# **THANK YOU!**

## **A LETTER FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & COFOUNDER**

Dear KABAS Supporter,

When I was twelve, I arrived in the U.S. as a refugee. My father, who speaks about 8 languages, raised my brother and me with courage and hope, learning a new country right alongside us.

One day, he taped an article to my bedroom door: "Children Who Read Succeed." I never forgot it. It sparked a lifelong love of learning that has carried me ever since.

That love led me to mentors in graduate school who helped me fall for education, innovation, and active engagement with my community. KABAS is their fifty-year dream, made real: a school built on equitable education and, just as importantly, on love — where every family who walks through our doors is cared for as our own.

I'm honored to be executive director and co-founder of KABAS. Here's to the journey ahead, and to everything we'll build together.

With gratitude and love,

Dr. Margo

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