

Newsletter

Hokey smokes. It seems like a mere flash of light that separates a long hot summer from a "sun goes down early," cool autumn. Not that WE would know -- the summer itself seemed way too short thanks to colder and wetter than usual weather! No complaints though...who wants to hear them?

This month, we will update you first as to family events, and then to business. Don't skip the business though - there are a lot of exciting things going on! Fair enough?

First off, Rachelle: Rachelle is now enjoying sixth grade (sacre coeur!) and is really adapting nicely to it. Not just the grades which are still quite pleasing by the way, but socially, musically (year number 3 of cello underway), and physically -- she is taking a more active role in soccer this season, and her skills have improved quite a darn bit, thank you!

Joshua will be acquiring his blue belt in Tae Kwan Doe later this month, having just achieved his last black stripe required. His grades are also way up there, we're bursting at the seams with pride! He's also playing soccer, and has just started on some bizarre journey involving the French Horn. Let's see where THAT one takes us, shall we?

Maxx...well, are you ready for this one? He has mellowed out considerably. He is becoming wondrous and wonderful all at the same, and he is just starting to write letters and words, and is on the edge of a literacy breakthrough. Those of you who know us well know how important that is to us, so to say we're pleased is an understatement.

As for Kim and Danny, it has been a longer than usual couple of months for us, starting with the devastating and untimely loss of one of our closest friends. It does however give us pause to reflect on the world around us and her many inhabitants. If we haven't been in touch with you for a while - and many of you know we have been trying! - why not hit your reply button to say hello and we'll make sure you get a more personal response. We don't take our relationships with you for granted.

It's bowling time again! Huzzah! We're at the bottom of the feeding pool! Boo hiss! Ah well -- there's nowhere for us to go but up, up, up! So ye who are in second to last or third to last place, watch out -- we're hot on your trail!

Kim also is taking a carpentry class. She can build anything! As for Danny, he couldn't build a fire - even if you gave him a lighter with newspaper and dry wood. He is, however, a whiz with sauces. Go figger. Kim's also attending Toastmasters - for those of you not in the know, this is NOT an organization centered around the complexities of cooking bread; it revolves around public speaking. Between the two activities, we do believe she'll be able to host her own cable home improvement show by next year...

Danny is still playing open mic nights at Season's on Route #27 in Edison, alternating Tuesdays starting at about 9 PM. Come on down and support him, listen to good old rock and roll, and hang out to the dulcet sounds of your hosts and tunesmiths, [O-Face](#).

The adult rock and roll album: there is no new news on this...still awaiting mastering, designing, and pressing. Not on the back burner, but we have been so busy busy

busy this autumn with appearances we just haven't had the time to design it yet! Things should calm down in December and January though, so we would venture to guess look for it in the spring.

There will be a major announcement next newsletter concerning some of Danny's music being played again on television, and this time it will be in the good ol' US of A! Watch this spot for further details.

NEWSFLASH: Check out this great profile of Kim, recently posted by the folks at the University of Buffalo: [Kim's profile!](#) It's neat! It's great! It's Kim!

BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE! [Songs For America's Children](#) has hit \$20,000 in monies generated for [World Hunger Year](#). It's been a terrific year for this book and we'd like to think for this cause, and you have our thanks and love for supporting it. Item: We have more, and it makes a great holiday present. You can find it for sale at our site or drop us an email. The blue link above will take you to the song page and from there you can listen to the entire song. Feel free to download it, play it again and again, turn your friends on to it, and just keep it -- for free.

BOOKS: [Rock A Bye Baby](#) advance books are in, and folks we STILL FEEL this book is our nicest effort yet! It will be officially published in February, but you can expect to see some previews and announcements prior to publication. For example: we will be making available, by special arrangement with our publisher, high quality giclees of select images from the book; printed on art quality watercolor paper and with archival inks guaranteed to last at least 70 years (and in some cases longer)! These prints will come matted and are suitable for framing. They will ultimately be available at our site, but if you're interested prior to that point, drop us a line and we'll give you details!

HOW MUCH WOOD COULD A WOODCHUCK CHUCK: We now have SIX artists who have committed to this book; that means the book is halfway assigned. When there is much more to say, we'll let you know -- which will hopefully be ASAP!

Danny and Kim recently attended the [NJAEYC Conference](#) here in Central Jersey, attended the [KSRA Conference](#) in Hershey, PA, will be attending this week's [NJEA Conference](#) in "Hot"lantic City, the [EMA Conference](#) back here in Central Jersey, and then the [NYSRA](#) Conference in Manhattan. We have also found we'll be at conferences in both Virginia AND Massachusetts this spring, as well as the [NJRA](#) in Eatontown NJ in February. This is in between school appearances in Wildwood (Jersey, but still 125 miles away!), and South Carolina, too. In addition to keeping busy, we think the word is getting out, and we thank you for that!

New (or soon to be new) at our site: A revised activity guide for teachers (coming soon with new activities for [Rock a Bye Baby](#))! More activities for kids, new pictures of places we've been, sound clips, a movie clip of Danny in concert at a school in Brooklyn recently...lots and lots. You'll want to start checking in within the next couple of weeks.

Site of the month: [Embracing the Child](#) This site is more than just for charity -- it's the brainchild of one woman who felt she needed to make a difference. The site is devoted to kids; their books, music, dance, children's artists (a new one every month!), and more. Do check it out.

Rock and roll closer: While not as old as the songs we generally quote, this one is quite playful, and at the moment, so are we! It's from the Barenaked Ladies, who said just a few short years ago: " If I had a million dollars, I'd buy you a dress - but not a real green dress, that's cruel."

Peace, happy belated Halloween, an early happy Thanksgiving, and we'll stay in

touch soon (but not too soon, that's cruel).

- all of us Adlermans

PS: While we know you're thrilled to receive this newsletter, if you're having trouble convincing yourself of it and wish to be deleted from the database, please just tell us and we'll try to honor your request quickly. We're working harder to serve you better!

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