



Will you go on an adventure of a lifetime?



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Ms. Heidi Zulauf-Mulderink

Dear Heidi,

Imagine yourself at five years old.



It's your first day of kindergarten. You are nervous. Your Head of School opens your car door for you. Your teacher (whom you have already met - WHEW!!) sees you when you walk in and takes your hand.



You get to make friends, build rocket ships, decipher equations, construct sentences! You're learning so much more than your parents ever dreamed. Your teachers make the subjects interesting and fun, and also educational, joy in learning.

"You learn how to be confident and how to be yourself with pride."



In elementary school, **no teacher has ever been less than loving.** Your adventures deepen into surviving the Oregon Trail, dying in Greek tragedy, immigrating to America, flying a plane. Now you're learning Latin, history, physics.

In middle school, the teachers still know if you're not feeling well. You learn how to be confident and how to be yourself with pride. **You learn it's a safe place to take risks.** Your classes are tougher (squid dissecting, the Holocaust, timed essays, trebuchets.) You gain social and leadership skills (planning a campout, dance lessons, introducing your best friend at graduation) that many others only experience in high school and beyond.

"....but you all still support one another. Like family."

Before you leave, you realize that Countryside is just like its logo – a tree. Everyone branches away and develops him or herself. Everyone has unique interests, but you all still support one another. Like family.

Over, please

This is David's Countryside adventure.
His own words are underlined.

Meet David!
Here he is in
kindergarten.

Without your support, David could never have
gone on his one-of-a-kind journey.

Without your kindness, students like David
would not receive the tools they need!

Will you consider a gift of \$33 in support
of Countryside's Excellence Fund?



Like You!

For over two decades, generous supporters of
Countryside School's Excellence Fund have made it
possible for over 550 students like David to take an
individual and inspiring adventure in education.

Your gift will provide these critical tools:

- ✓ Hands-on lessons – in the classroom and beyond
- ✓ Hardware and software that's adaptable
- ✓ Professional learning for all staff



Right in the middle of the
action: learning about
lobsters in first grade!

**Thank you for giving the tools each student needs
for a successful adventure at Countryside!**

Adventurously yours,

Stephanie Harman
Head of School

**PS All of this happens because of people
like you, Heidi. Can you give a gift of \$33 today?**



Here is David &
his Countryside Family

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Yes!!! I will
provide critical funds
to fuel the Countryside
learning adventure!

Could you please give
before June 30th? Your gift
would then go directly
towards next year's
adventure!

Thank you! :D
Most sincerely,
Your 2016-2017
Countryside Adventurers

- ☐ **\$33** provides one adventurer with tools, such as C++ programming software or books to start a Spanish library! Each student is supported as an individual with unique skills & talents. You provide the support!
- ☐ **\$75** empowers our teachers with knowledge from an online class ("Success in the Digital Age" & "Guide to Teaching Executive Function" for example) A gift at this level also gives a bow and arrow to one aspiring middle school archer! You give our teachers the knowledge they need!
- ☐ **\$250** brings the adventure to one class outside our school.....Escape Champaign, 3D printing labs, pioneering history museums, nuclear reactors. You provide the inspiration for future leaders and inventors!
- ☐ I would like to make a special gift of \$_____.

☐ **YES! I** will fund the rest of the adventure for next year, including: Archery, C++ software, sewing machines, the entire Spanish library, a Maker Faire, & new flexible learning environments for 2/3, Spanish, & Middle School Literature - for **\$5000!**

- ☐ I have enclosed my check, payable to Countryside School.
- ☐ I prefer to pay by credit card, and will go online at <http://secure.DiamondMindInc.com/countrysideschool/>

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Thank you for making the adventure a success!