

The Benefits of Music Education for Genealogical Pursuits: *Actions Speak Louder than Words & Music* (reads much better at <http://www.kuzmich4.com/Facebook/Benefits%20of%20Music%20Education.pdf>)

As a public school music educator since 1966, teaching music can be quite a challenge because it involves both practicing and learning for self-mastery. As adults, welcome to the club of life as we lead our families and careers. Excellence doesn't easily occur without conscientious efforts from MASTER TEACHERS!!!

EVERY MUSICIAN *starts as a total beginner.*
EVERY MUSICIAN *has naysayers.*
EVERY MUSICIAN *has disappointments.*
EVERY MUSICIAN *has struggles.*
EVERY MUSICIAN *makes mistakes.*
EVERY MUSICIAN *falls and must get back up.*
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YOU ARE NOT ALONE!!
We all go through the same things!!
So stop worrying and JUST PLAY!!

I received this quote below from Jamey Aebersold, a foremost jazz educator, music publisher, author/composer and performing musician.

Pursuing original family history research can sometimes be tedious and time-consuming. Learning how to become a better musician can also be a challenge even on a good hair day. In 1970, I began doing my own family history with nearly no information provided by my parents and grandparents. Fortunately as a parent, all of my children and grandchildren all have had good experiences in music education. Not only are they all good students and musicians, but they have also all adapted well to genealogical pursuits. All of my children have earned master degrees and one is now pursuing a doctorate in cyber security later in life. Together, we have established the **Kuzmich Family Extraction Team** in which all children are actively involved in extracting church records but even more impressive is that three grandchildren thus far are indexing our ancestors from four villages in Poland from digitized images in Polish Church Records in Latin with the Polish alphabet. Consider perusing this article at <https://www.pbs.org/parents/thrive/the-benefits-of-music-education> for insight about significant benefits that a music education can provide for developing intuitive benefits for genealogical pursuit that I have witnessed in my own family. Because genealogical pursuits also require tedious amounts of patience and good faith, successful music practice can indeed yield perfection and dedicated stick-to-itiveness for doing family history pursuits.



Research shows that music training **boosts IQ, focus and persistence**. The value of incorporating music into a child's education cannot be understated. There is a heap of incontestable research showing that an education rich in music improves students' cognitive function and academic performance. Click [here](#) for more information about the value of music. Below are some very short video clips about the Power and Importance of Music Education:

- **Music is a Language:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2zvjW9arAZ0>
- **The Importance of Music:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Ai2HVpshnU>
- **The Value of Music:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pw0E5EInNpo>
- **The Value of Music Education:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HeRus3NVbwE>

Closing Comments: Music Education and Successful Schools with the Reality of Family History Endeavors

Schools that have music programs have significantly higher graduation rates than do those without music programs (90.2 percent as compared to 72.9 percent). In addition, those that rate their programs as “excellent or very good” have an even higher graduation rate (90.9 percent).

Researching genealogy can make a great family activity, involving siblings, children, and grandchildren. **It can bring family members together around a shared interest and also inspire intergenerational storytelling and sharing.** Learning about common ancestors has a way of opening up doors of communication.

While shows like TLC's (Tender Loving Care) [Who Do You Think You Are?](#) and PBS' [Finding Your Roots](#) have definitely contributed to the popularity of researching our ancestry, people have always been curious about their family heritage. It's human nature to want to know where we come from and *who* we come from. Each of those links are a powerful illustration of the Excitement of Genealogical Research.

As it turns out, exploring genealogy makes an excellent hobby, especially for older adults. It's something that's accessible to anyone with an internet connection. It can be enjoyed from the comfort of home. And it offers many other social and emotional benefits. For my family, I have personally witnessed these benefits with both my children and grandchildren as well. What a great way to jump-start your family for eternal happiness! Hope these comments are helpful to you as members of this Facebook Group: **The Choir of Family History**. Thank you for allowing me to share these precious and personal thoughts of mine with you.



