



Eagle Insider

*We will provide a nurturing learning environment and educate
ALL students to be lifelong learners.*

May 2024

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As we near the end of another academic year, I wanted to take a moment to share in the excitement that fills our district during this time. The final few weeks of school are always full of field trips, celebrations, and end of the year activities. It is important for all of us to celebrate this special time.

This month is a culmination of all the learning that has taken place throughout the school year by the hard work of our students and staff. It is a time for students and staff to look back on their progress and feel proud of what they have accomplished.

The end of this school year will be extra special for my family. My youngest child will graduate with the Kent City High School Class of 2024. Both of my children have attended Kent City Community Schools and I am grateful for the lessons they have learned throughout their K-12 experience. So many teachers and staff members have helped my children at KCCS. I simply want to say thank you.

It truly takes a village to nurture and educate our children, and I feel incredibly fortunate to be part of such a dedicated and caring public school district. I hope we all make the most of this last month of school. It truly is a G.R.E.A.T. day to be an Eagle!

Bill Crane, Superintendent

As the safety of our children remains our utmost priority, I wanted to take a moment to emphasize the importance of obeying crossing guards, particularly during drop-off and pick-up times.

Crossing guards play a vital role in ensuring the safety of pedestrians, especially children, as they navigate through busy intersections and crosswalks. Their presence is instrumental in facilitating the smooth flow of traffic and protecting our students from potential accidents.

However, we have noticed instances where some drivers do not fully adhere to the instructions provided by crossing guards. Disregarding their signals, whether intentionally or unintentionally, jeopardizes the safety of our children.

Therefore, I urge everyone to respect and obey directions from crossing guards at all crosswalks in the village. According to Michigan Compiled Law 257.613d "A driver of a motor vehicle who fails to stop when a school crossing guard is in a school crossing and is holding a stop sign in an upright position visible to approaching vehicular traffic is guilty of a misdemeanor."

By working together we can help create a safer environment for everyone.





KENT CITY

High School Graduation Ceremony

Thursday, May 23, 2024

7:00 pm

Open to anyone, no tickets required

Ward Memorial Field (weather permitting)

HS Gym (in case of inclement weather)

Aly Marie Anderson
 Tyler James Bloom
 Luke Charles Bockheim
 Alfredo Bolanos-Colin*
 Delaney Kay Bonter
 Denyle Kyra Bonter
 Chase Perry Brancheau
 Christian Thomas Brown
 Hayden Lee Busbee
 Blake Elden C. Carlson
 Mitchell Joseph Chrapek*
 Caitlyn Rose Cramer
 Mason William Lee Crane
 Ryan Joseph Darling*
 Zachary Adrian DeVoogd
 Gabriel Christopher Dolphin
 Ava Lee Driskell
 Jeremy Owen DuBridge
 Jack Richard Duran
 Josiah David Farrington
 Sylvia Rae Freeland*
 Lucas Casey Gallegos
 Benjamin Lee Garcia
 Cesar Daniel Garcia-Garcia
 Cristina Maria Garza
 Madelyn Ann Geers*
 Logan Bryan Goguen*
 Carson Hunter Gorton*
 Caden Bradley Hartzell*
 Emanuel Hernandez
 Gracie Sue Houtman*
 Lia Nicole Huizinga
 Brendan William Hull
 Mattie Jean Kerwin
 Skylynne AnnaMarie Kieft
 Talan John Krutel
 Lilliana Rose LaPointe

Gabriela Mayte Larraga
 Juan Leon Morales
 Joslyn Roseleen Loew
 Cavana Mae Loukas
 Tristan Michael Lutz
 Gabriel Michael Magoon
 Autumn Lee Maloley
 Joseph Paul Maloney
 Abigail Hope Mannor
 Gustavo Adolfo Martinez
 Samuel Junho Martini*
 Isabella Kaylin Max*
 Toby Allen Maycroft
 Lillian Renee McCloud
 Michael Brayden McCune
 Nikolis Lee Mejia*
 Dulce Maria Montes
 Julio Noe Morales-Ceballos
 Olivia Marie Obenauf
 BreeAnna Nikol Ogg
 Antonio Gabriel Ortiz
 Reily Ismael Oseguera-Jaramillo
 Cory J Pecynski*
 Leto Atreides Pendleton
 Jacob Cole Perry
 Lily Marie Peterson
 Heather Nicole Poling*
 Guadalupe Pozas-Servin
 Madison Nicole Puite*
 Nataly Ramirez Garcia
 Jacob Ramos Nevarez
 Lucas Allen Rideout
 Jadyn Breanne Robeck
 Abigail Marie Roeters
 Brookelyn Marie Rogers
 Justyce Page Rogers
 Clarissa Rubio-Casas

Gaberial Lee Rusnell
 Gabriel Sanchez
 Giovanni De Jesus Sanchez
 Anggie Mariana Sanchez-Avila*
 Arin Quinn Sarres
 Vanessa Serrano-Guzman
 Emelie Elizabeth Shafer
 Mark Robert Sheldon
 Cole John Shenkenberg
 Ann Marie Smalley***
 Baleigh Madison Smith*
 Melissa Soto-Mojica
 Hannah Rae Stellini
 Alexander James Stevens
 Irelyn Shane Sullivan
 Kaitlyn May Swift*
 Savanna Blythe Thiebout
 William Le Van*
 Ethan Keith VanderLugt**
 Joseph Michael VanOeffelen
 Madelynn Rose VanOeffelen
 Kendall Rose Veltkamp
 Jaren Ronald Vogel*
 Brianna MayLynn Nicole Vogg
 Isaac James Wright

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

*Highest Honors

**Valedictorian

***Salutatorian

March is Reading Month/Light the Night at KCMS

March is a very busy month at Kent City Middle School. During the month, students and staff celebrate "March is Reading Month" and participate in the Light the Night fundraiser. The month is capped off with an assembly leading into the start of Spring Break.

The theme for March is Reading Month this year was "Destination read". A travel theme because reading can take you anywhere. Activities include silent reading time during the school day, independent reading tickets and prizes, a door and locker decorating competition, and an assembly.

Silent reading - each day of the month, students spent time silently reading in one of their classes. Reading tickets and prizes - for every 30 minutes of reading at home, students had the opportunity to fill out a reading ticket and enter it for daily prize drawings.

Door and Locker Decorating - during their WIN Seminar, students decorated their doors and lockers to match the theme for the month. Doors were judged at the end of the month to determine a winner.

Assembly - the assembly to end March is Reading Month included games and other festivities.

Light the Night - Kent City Middle School has been fundraising to support the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society every year for several years now. What started as "Pennies for Patients" is now "Light the Night," but the goal of raising money to support this organization has remained the same.

Fundraising - students raised a total \$2,513.19 this March.

Delay the Day activities - students were able to select from several different activities on the final day of school before Spring Break.

Luminary Walk - students were able to decorate paper bags in honor of individuals that they know who have had or currently have cancer. The bags are then illuminated and each class walked through to observe the bags that lined a walking path through the middle school gym.

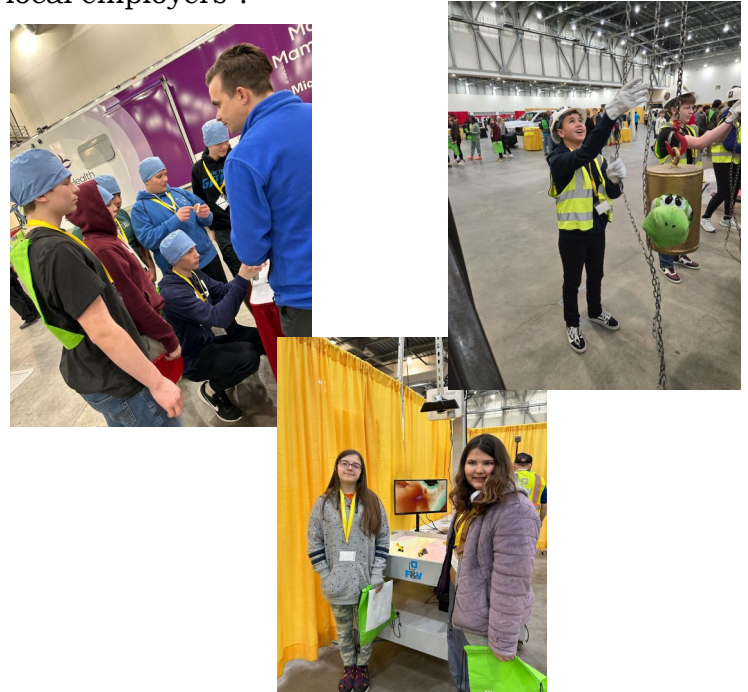
Stuck for a Buck - this year students used duct tape to tape Mrs. Lafferty to the wall.



KCMS Field Trips

Students at Kent City Middle School have several field trip opportunities during the spring. As of the date of this publication, some of these trips will be completed, others are yet to come!

MiCareerQuest - students in the 8th grade attended the MiCareerQuest event in Grand Rapids during the month of March. From the website, "MiCareerQuest offers West Michigan middle and high school students the opportunity to learn about careers in our region's high-demand industries through interactive experiences with local employers".



Grand Rapids Public Museum - students in the 8th grade will be going to the Grand Rapids Public Museum in April. This is a make-up date from the originally scheduled trip planned in February. Thank you to the Kent City PTCO and the Kent City/Casnovia Community Foundation for helping to cover the cost of the trip.

Legends Ranch - students in the 6th grade will be traveling to the Legends Ranch in Bitely to learn about conservation and ecosystems.

Year End Trips - as in years past, all MS students will be taking a trip to end the school year. This year the trips will take place on May 31st.

- 6th Grade - Camp Pinewood
- 7th Grade - Chicago (Museum of Science & Industry/Lincoln Park Zoo)
- 8th Grade - Mackinac Island

Preschool Students Become Museum Curators

Our preschool students have been busy learning about famous artists, natural history, and medieval times during their museum unit. Throughout the study, children have been creating exhibits to display in the library and preschool hallways for all to enjoy! All four preschool classrooms contributed to the museum project with art, collections and dinosaur and medieval-themed crafts.

The unit gave teachers a chance to talk about different types of museums, the role of curators and ways to sort and categorize objects. Students also practiced skills like navigating to exhibits with a map and interacting respectfully with objects on display.

The classes collaborated on a hallway castle display with paper knights and shields designed by students' families, as well as lining the hall with artwork and projects. The preschool teachers worked together to plan the projects, the overall museum layout and what artists they wanted to focus on.

To culminate the unit, families were invited to stop by and celebrate their learning by touring the museum and participating in a scavenger hunt.



Prevent the Summer Reading Slide

Over the summer, most children forget many of their reading skills, also known as the summer reading slide. Reading books every day over the summer is important to keep the brain ready for a great school year in the fall. Kent City Elementary has partnered once again with Kids Read Now, a non-profit organization focused on best practices for reading engagement and growth, to send FREE, NEW books to current K-3 students that they can keep forever! Each child's teacher will help them choose eight books at their reading level which they will receive throughout the summer beginning in late May or early June. A new book will arrive in the mail approximately every week. Students who report all books in the KRN app or parent portal will receive a certificate and be invited to a KCE country hoedown for a rootin'-tootin' good time in the fall!



KCE Celebrates March is Reading Month

March is always an exciting month here at KCE as our students take part in many March is Reading Month activities including the most favorite of all...our Tournament of Books Competition!

Students enjoyed a read aloud of 8 books during library time (2 each week) that corresponded with the theme "Kids Can Make a Difference in the World". They voted for their favorites until it came down to 2 finalists. At the closing assembly on March 27, students cheered as "Ivan, The Remarkable True Story of the Shopping Mall Gorilla" by Katherine Applegate was announced as the winner of the 2024 Kent City Elementary March Madness Book Competition!

Congratulations are also in order to the classroom participation points winners. Ms. Sabin's class (3rd place), Mrs. Carlson's class (2nd place) and Mrs. Goldner's class (1st place) and to our inspirational writer winners Amielia West, Xavier Beiter, Everly Kurnat and Ella Browe. We also had over 100 students complete the 21-day reading challenge!

Last but not least, KCE took part in a service project in which we collected over 4 wagons full of supplies for the Grand Valley Bottle Babies Raccoon & Opossum Rescue and Rehab (GVBB)!

Way to go Kent City Elementary students, staff and families! We hope you will continue to share the joy of reading with your children everyday!

KCE Expands Learning Opportunities for Students

Research shows that afterschool programs have a positive impact on students' educational outcomes, school attendance and social and emotional learning. We are so excited to share that KCE is working to expand these opportunities for students starting with four new afterschool clubs this spring!

Robotics & Coding Club is a fun space where 4th & 5th grade students learn basic computer coding/programming and how to apply it to robotics while developing critical thinking skills.

Imagination Station Art Club students are working together to create a mural for our school that incorporates our GREAT practices and initiatives (watch for the unveiling coming soon!).

Greenhouse Club for 3rd grade students, will be working with Mrs. Andreas, Mrs. Freeland and some West Michigan businesses to set up rain barrels, a hydroponic system, and some potted plants in our new outdoor greenhouse space! Students will be able to showcase their work at a GVSU Student Showcase on May 15th!

Embroidery Club where students will learn the art of decorative stitching with needle and thread and create their very own project.

Participation is free for all of these clubs and supplies and snacks are provided. Thank you to our wonderful teachers and staff who are advising the clubs and providing these opportunities for our students. We are looking forward to offering more after school programs for students in the future!

Celebrating Our Learners

As another academic year draws to a close, we are filled with awe at the journey our students have undertaken! Spring always offers us time to reflect on how much our students have grown and evolved since the beginning of the year, and it also provides a time to celebrate all of their accomplishments! We would like to extend an invitation to join us for our upcoming ceremonies as we honor our young learners and cherish the milestones they've reached during another remarkable year at KCE!

May 13th - Preschool End of Year Ceremony/Garden Party (Serba/Petruska), 12:30pm, KCE

May 14th - Preschool End of Year Ceremony/Garden Party (Lutz/Rench), 1:30pm, KCE

At the end of the year, preschool students participate in a celebration of growth ceremony that highlights how far they have come in their learning. After receiving their certificates, students lead families back to the classroom for a special end of unit garden party.

May 16th - 5th Grade Celebration, 6:30pm, Kent City Baptist Church (400 W. Muskegon St.)

This is a special night where our 5th graders will be sharing Music, Dance, Artwork, PE & Stem Accomplishments, Video / Picture Memories, and celebrating their elementary years.

June 3rd - The Joy of Kindergarten Celebration, High School Performing Arts Center

Mrs. Laperna/Mrs. Siegel: 11:30am

Mrs. Carlson/Ms. Sabin: 1:00pm

This program commemorates the journey through Kindergarten and features music and a picture show highlighting special moments throughout the year.

June 7th - Flag Lowering Ceremony, 9:00am, KCE

Join our staff, students and local Veterans as we close out the year by lowering the flag. Plus, get ready for a special announcement regarding our theme for next year!



Schools Out, But Summer Meals are Served

Free summer meals, are available to kids and teens ages 18 and younger at Kent City Middle School.

Free Summer Meal Program Details:

- Meals are FREE to all children and teens ages 18 and younger who come to a summer meals site. You do not have to attend school in the district
- Food served is healthy and follows USDA nutrition guidelines
- No application or proof of income needed
- Meals will be served June 19-July 26, Monday-Thursday
- Closed July 4, Open July 7
- At Kent City Middle School 285 N Main
- Breakfast 7:30-9:00 am, Lunch 11:00-12:30 pm, Snack 1:30-2:00 pm
- **All Meals must be consumed on site.**

The Summer Menu will be posted on the Kent City Food Service webpage and displayed on school doors. For more information go to kentcityschools.org or call Beth Ohman Food Service Director @ 678-4214 x 2105 for more info.

Summer Migrant Program

The Kent City Summer Migrant Program will be returning this June! Our in-school portion of the program will be taking place Monday-Thursday from 8 am-2:30 pm starting June 19th and finishing July 24th (no school July 4th and 5th). Please contact Barb Berry @ (616) 450-2657 or barbara.berry@kentcityschools.org if interested.



Kent City to host MHSAA Track and Field State Finals for 3rd Consecutive Year

The Michigan High School Athletic Association has chosen Kent City to host the Track and Field State Finals on Saturday, June 1, 2024. Hosting a Final in any sport is an honor that only a small group of schools ever has the opportunity to experience, especially a school of our size. We intend to learn from last year's event and build upon the many successes that many coaches and participants labeled one of the best Finals ever! If you would like to be a part of this monumental event, please contact Athletic Director, Jason Vogel, at jason.vogel@kentcityschools.org. Check out the best of the best in Division 3, which will likely include some of our very own Eagles!

CSAA Activities All-Conference

The following students have earned All-Conference honors for Central State Activities Association activities during the 2023-2024 school year!

All-Conference honors for CSAA Activities

Chess: Caibron Browning

Forensics: Addison Korcal, Abigail Mannor, Aaron Schnicke, Josiah Farrington, Gabe Magoon, Joe Maloney, Will Van, Emma Goldner

Language Arts: Anggie Sanchez, Ava Robinson

Quiz Bowl: Mitchell Chrapek

Visual Arts: Abigail Roeters, Victoria Drent

Talent Revue: Abigail Cegelis

Honorable Mention honors for CSAA Activities

Chess: Tyler Norkus, Antonio Ortiz, Josiah Farrington, Deakon Gustafson

Forensics: Ava Robinson, Dyana Valdes, Brenna Mortensen

Quiz Bowl: Josiah Farrington, Brandon McCullough

Visual Arts: Riley Gummo-Hill, Rosamaria Hernandez, Antonio Ortiz, Ashlee Schuler, Melissa Soto-Mojica, Kamilla Trujillo, Madelynn VanOeffelen, Zuriel Vega

Summer Athletic Camps

BOYS BASKETBALL

Youth Camp, June 10-11 @ KCHS Auxiliary Gym
1st-3rd, 9-10:30am
4th-6th, 10:45am-12:15pm
Fee: \$30

FOOTBALL

JV/Varsity Team Camp, July 29-Aug 1, ALL DAY
Summer conditioning
Mon, Tues & Thurs 6-8pm

Rocket Camp, July 29-31, 6-8pm @ Ward Field
Fee: \$20

SOCCER

Youth Camp, June 24-25 @ Ward Field
1st-5th, 6-7:30pm
Fee: \$40

SOFTBALL

Youth Camp, Fall 2024, Details TBD

TRACK & FIELD

Youth Camp, May 28 & 30 @ Ward Field
2nd-5th, 3:15-5pm
Fee: \$20

VOLLEYBALL

Summer Camp, July 8-10 @ KCHS
6th-8th, 1:30-3:30pm
9th-12th, 9:30am-1pm
Fee: \$90 HS; \$55 MS

Youth Camp, June 17 & 24, July 8 & 22 @ KCMS
3rd-5th, 5-6:30pm
Fee: \$10 per session

Visit KENTCITYATHLETICS.COM for updates & more information!

Kent City Community Schools Calendar

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ER - EARLY RELEASE
 LD - LABOR DAY
 FB - FALL BREAK
 TV - THANKSGIVING
 HV - HOLIDAY VACATION
 MW - MID-WINTER BREAK
 SV - SPRING VACATION
 MD - MEMORIAL DAY

Student last day is June 6th - 1/2 day
 PM Records Day / End of 1st Semester - 12/20/24
 PM Records Day / End of 2nd Semester - 6/6/25



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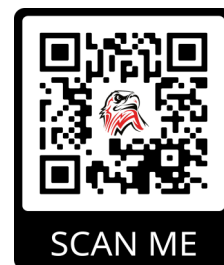
We are currently accepting enrollment for the 2024-25 school year!

Thank you for choosing Kent City Community Schools! We look forward to educating your child.

New Student Registration - Kindergarten/ECSE/Y5 through 12th Grade

To begin the enrollment process, please verify your resident district at <https://www.oaisd.org/about-us/local-schools/resident-district-lookup/> - This link will assist in verifying what school district you reside in.

- ◇ If you reside within Kent City Community School district, please continue the enrollment process by scanning the QR code or visiting <https://www.kentcityschools.org/district/enrollment/>
- ◇ If you do not reside within the KCCS district, please complete the *Schools of Choice Application* at this link <https://forms.gle/3oEYenBmZoCd6bbh9> . Upon approval, you will receive an email regarding your next steps in enrollment.



If you have questions or need assistance, please email enrollment@kentcityschools.org to schedule an appointment.

GSRP Preschool

Please visit <https://preschool.kentisd.org/Apply> to enroll your preschool-age student in our Great Start Readiness Program.