



Eagle Insider

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

November 2023

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Superintendent Message

As we move into the holiday season most people will take the time to reflect on what they are thankful for. It is easy to find things to be thankful for at Kent City Community Schools. For starters, I am thankful for our amazing students! Recently I visited each school building and watched students take ownership of their learning and work collaboratively with their peers. I saw this taking place from our youngest learners in the elementary school all the way to our juniors and seniors at the high school.

I am also thankful for our amazing staff. On a daily basis I see staff members guiding our students to achieve their very best. Whether students are learning in the classroom, having lunch in the cafeteria, or traveling on a bus, our staff works diligently to provide our students with the best possible experience.

Finally, I am thankful for the support of our community. Since voters approved the bond extension in the fall of 2019 we have been able to make many upgrades in all areas of our district. All bond projects will be finished by the time students return from holiday break. We cannot thank you enough for your continued support of Kent City Community Schools.

It is a GREAT day to be an Eagle!

Bill Crane, Superintendent



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GIVE *And* **GET** RESPECT
RESPONSIBLE *And* **SAFE**
ENGAGED
ACCCEPTING
TRUSTWORTHY

Kent City Community Schools 

PowerSchool Parent Portal

In order to keep our information for your student as up-to-date as possible, we need your assistance. Please take a few minutes to update your students **Re-Enrollment Packet** that can be found in the PowerSchool Parent Portal.

If you do not have a PowerSchool Parent Portal account created, please create one by visiting: <https://ps.kentcityschools.org/public/>. If you need assistance accessing your Parent Portal account, please contact your child's building office.



Affordable Connectivity Program

The Affordable Connectivity Program provides eligible households with up to a \$30 discount off their monthly internet bill or a \$75/month discount on Tribal lands. It also provides one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet purchased through a participating provider when the eligible household contributes at least \$10 but less than \$50 toward the purchase.

You may qualify if your student receives free or reduced school lunch or breakfast, including through the USDA Community Eligibility Provision.

You may also qualify if the household income is at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines or a member of the household participates in certain federal assistance programs, such as SNAP, Medicaid, SSI or WIC, or Tribal assistance programs. Lifeline program participants also automatically qualify for the Affordable Connectivity Program.

Two Steps to Enroll

1 **Go to GetInternet.gov** to submit an application or print a mail-in application.

2 **Contact your preferred participating provider** to select an eligible plan and have the discount applied to your bill.

Call 877-384-2575 or Visit affordableconnectivity.gov

Kent City High School Drama Club

PRODUCTION IS



The Musical

Book by **Thomas Meehan and Bob Martin** Music by **Matthew Sklar** Lyrics by **Chad Beguelin**

Based on the New Line Cinema film written by David Berenbaum

November 30 - Opening Night - 7pm Directed by Jonathan Schnicke
 December 1 - Performance - 7pm Assistant Directed by Shannon Hoom
 December 2 - Performance - 2pm Choreography by Julia Schnicke
 December 2 - Closing Performance - 7pm

For tickets and info visit us at www.kentcitydrama.ludus.com

Presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI (mtishows.com).

2023-24 School Calendar

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| November 17 | **Early Release for Students - Professional Development for All Teachers |
| November 21 | 1st Trimester Ends (Middle School) |
| November 22-26 | No School – Thanksgiving Vacation |
| November 27 | School Resumes |
| December 8 | **Early Release for Students - Professional Development for All Teachers |
| December 22 | **Early Release for Students |
| Dec 25 - Jan 7 | No School – Holiday Vacation |
| January 8 | School Resumes |
| January 12 | **Early Release for Students - Professional Development for All Teachers |
| January 25 | 1st Semester Ends |
| January 26 | No School – Records Day |
| February 9 | **Early Release for Students - Professional Development for All Teachers |
| February 16-20 | No School - Mid-Winter Break |
| February 21 | School Resumes |
| February 22 & 29 | Elementary Parent-Teacher Conferences (PK-5) |
| March 8 | 2nd Trimester Ends (Secondary) |
| March 14 | Secondary Parent-Teacher Conferences |
| March 15 | **Early Release for Students - Professional Development for All Teachers |
| March 29 - April 7 | No School - Spring Break |
| April 8 | School Resumes |
| April 26 | **Early Release for Students - Professional Development for All Teachers |
| May 10 | **Early Release for Students - Professional Development for All Teachers |
| May 23 | Senior Graduation |
| May 27 | No School - Memorial Day |
| June 7 | Last Day of School - 1/2 Day for All Students (<i>lunch will not be served</i>) 6-12 students release at 10:50am/Elementary students release at 11am 2nd Semester Ends/3rd Trimester Ends (Secondary) |

****Please Note: Early Release Times**
6-12 students release at 11:50 am/Elementary students release at 12:00 pm
Lunch is served on Early Release Days



The Walk-a-Thon Tradition Continues

The KCE Walkathon continues to be one of the most highly anticipated events of the year, exemplifying a sense of community and the building of school culture. On the morning of October 4th, students of all grades enjoyed participating in a variety of activities that included walking, games, dancing, music, movement and most of all...time spent together as a school community!



This marked our 7th year hosting this event which is our main community fundraiser for our school. Thanks to the outpouring of generosity & support from our community sponsors & donations from students, staff, family, & friends, we were able to raise over **\$38,000!** We will utilize these funds to support teaching & learning in our building and classrooms, as well as to purchase an interactive projection screen to be installed in our gym!



In addition, we would like to congratulate Ms. Sabin's class for earning the highest class total of \$2,281 & to our top earners Jaxton Emanouil (1st place), Emmett Peacock (2nd place) & Gabby Kats (3rd place), who will enjoy being Principal, Assistant Principal, and Librarian for a day.



Words cannot express how much we appreciate your generosity & support & we look forward to continuing this tradition in the years to come!

Let's Talk Food!

What does it mean to be healthy? What can you do to stay healthy? These are some of the questions students will dive into as they learn about nutrition in STEM class. This is the first year of teaching this curriculum in STEM thanks to a grant from the U.S. Apple Committee. Each class K-5 will get 4 extra lessons with a Mrs. Andreas or Mrs. Freeland in addition to their regular exploratory time to learn about healthy eating and nutrition practices. They will explore the food groups and sample different items, plus design a meal that they would like to eat from each food group and learn kitchen safety tips. We are also excited to utilize our new greenhouse learning center to grow and consume some of the healthy foods we discuss in these lessons.



Students Learn a Creative Way to Farm

Kent City Elementary is excited to partner with Revolution Farms to learn how they farm and grow food using hydroponics. On Friday, October 6, STEM teachers Mrs. Andreas and Mrs. Freeland and 3rd grade students Rylee Beeman and Finnegan Glynn joined State Representative Hillary Scholten to tour the indoor greenhouse facility. They learned how lettuce is grown year-round in water instead of soil using technology to automate the process and that the fresh greens are cut at the peak of growth, immediately packaged on-site and delivered to your local grocery store in 1-2 days.

Students also watched a video at <https://lettuceatmoregreens.com/> to learn more about hydroponic farming and took a quiz to test their knowledge for a chance to win a hydroponic growing kit for our school. This partnership was made possible through a grant that Revolution Farms received from the U.S. Department of Education to support schools with growing hydroponics and eating healthy.



Summer Reading Celebration

Over the summer, current students in grades 1-4 were challenged to read and report at least 8 books through the Kids Read Now summer reading program. On Friday, October 6th we celebrated the reading achievements of over 150 students who completed the challenge by hosting a Doughnuts & Dancing Reading Celebration. Students received a free book of their choice, participated in some fun activities and enjoyed donuts and cider courtesy of Snappy Apple. We are so proud of their accomplishments and look forward to even more KCE students joining us next school year to celebrate a summer filled with the wonder of reading!



Video and Graphics



Thanks to the generosity of the Kent City Community, our secondary schools have seen many upgrades as a result of the recently completed bond construction project.



There are two new video boards, one at the entrance to the Middle School and High School and the other on the scoreboard at Ward Memorial Field, that offer our students an opportunity to develop videos and graphics to be displayed.



Kent City High School students in Mr. Smith's Multimedia and Graphic Design classes are responsible for the majority of the graphics that you see displayed in these two places.

Additionally, our students are also creating the graphics that we use for the Academic Spotlight articles that are posted on our website and on Facebook.

Michigan Lottery Excellence in Education

Kent City Middle School teacher, Ashleigh Sutton, was chosen as a weekly winner of the Michigan Lottery Excellence in Education program in October. She traveled to Lansing to participate in a recorded interview and award ceremony. Her video segment will air on Fox 17 at 6 pm on Tuesday, 12/19.



Launch of the 2024–25 FAFSA® Form

There are major changes and improvements coming to the 2024–25 *Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®)* form. As a result, the new form will be available in December 2023, not Oct. 1.

The launch date will apply only for the 2024–25 FAFSA form.

The changes to the FAFSA form for the 2024–25 aid year include

- expanded eligibility for federal student aid and
- a more streamlined application process.

Here is the link to all the FAFSA information...

<https://studentaid.gov/announcements-events/december-fafsa>

We will be bringing GRCC to KCHS for a FAFSA night at a date yet to be determined.

Digitally Responsible Youth

The following comes directly from the Michigan State Police Office of School Safety Fall Newsletter: With the rapid growth of technology and the pervasive nature of social media in children's lives, parenting has become increasingly demanding. Recognizing this, Safer Schools Together has taken the initiative to address these challenges by creating the comprehensive resource of "[Raising Digitally Responsible Youth – A Parent's Guide.](#)"

This invaluable guide aims to equip parents and caregivers with essential knowledge about popular social media platforms, video games, and emerging trends that currently engage children or may captivate their interest in the future. By providing information on these digital landscapes, the guide empowers parents and caregivers to stay informed and have meaningful conversations with their children about safe and responsible technology use.

KCHS Band

The Kent City High School Marching Band has shown incredible dedication and hard work this season in the Michigan Competing Band Association (MCBA). Despite facing the challenge of having a young band, they persevered and came back stronger than ever. Their efforts paid off when they finished second at prelims, earning them a spot at the State Championships on November 4th at Ford Field in Detroit, where they are ranked second. It's a testament to their commitment and passion for music that they have achieved such great success, and they should be proud of all they have accomplished. Best of luck to them at the State Championships!

College Visit Field-Trips

All Kent City High School students will be going on a field trip to a college or university on December 6th. Students in the 9th grade will be visiting Davenport University. Students in the 10th grade will be visiting Grand Rapids Community College. Students in the 11th grade will be visiting Ferris State University. Kent City High School seniors are encouraged to arrange either a job shadow or a college visit on their own.

KCHS Drama Club Production

The Kent City High School Drama Club will be performing "Elf: The Musical" in our beautifully renovated Performing Arts Center beginning November 30.

MHSAA Official Fall Sports Practice Dates

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| November 13 | HS Girls Basketball, Bowling, & Wrestling |
| November 20 | HS Boys Basketball |
| January 8 | MS Wrestling & MS Girls Basketball |
| March 13 | HS Spring Sports |
| March 20 | MS Track & Field and MS Girls Soccer |



Kent City Athletic Fee Information

High School Athletics:

Individual Student Athletes (All-Seasons): \$120
 Reduced Lunch Student Athlete (All-Seasons): \$60
 Free Lunch Student Athlete (All-Seasons): No Charge

Middle School Athletics:

Individual Student Athletes (All-Seasons): \$60
 Reduced Lunch Student Athlete (All-Seasons): \$30
 Free Lunch Student Athlete (All-Seasons): No Charge

Middle School & High School Family Cap: \$250

For families who would like to work off their son/daughter's athletic fee at Kent City home athletic events, please contact Athletic Director Jason Vogel at (616) 678-4210 or jason.vogel@kentcityschools.org for more details.

Visit KENTCITYATHLETICS.COM for updates & more information!



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Kent City Elementary



Kent City MS/HS



Kent City Athletics
 School

We are currently accepting enrollment for the 2023-24 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 <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/LrtD88zP7iNQ5Y9j8>. 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.