



Eagle Insider

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

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As the 2022-2023 school year comes to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you. Thank you to our amazing students who work so hard to improve themselves in so many different ways. Thank you to parents who partnered with us to make this year a success. And finally, I would like to thank all of our amazing staff members who work hard for our students everyday. We have plenty to be thankful for at Kent City Community Schools.

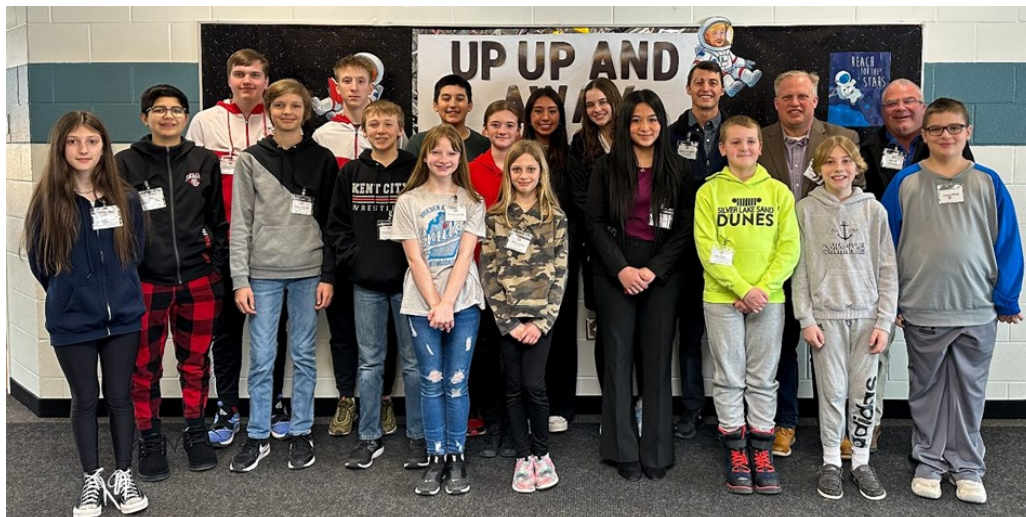
As you visit our campus this spring and summer, you will notice that our bond projects are wrapping up. Since you approved the millage extension in November of 2019 our school district has been on a journey to improve all areas of our district. I am thankful for your support of Kent City Community Schools!

Please review this edition of the Eagle Insider to help us celebrate the graduating class of 2023 and catch up on new information around the district.

Bill Crane, Superintendent

On Friday February 24th, Kent City Community Schools welcomed three State Legislators to our campus. Senator Rick Outman (33rd Senate district), Representative Luke Meerman (89th House district), and Representative Pat Outman (91st House district) all took part in a tour of Kent City High School, Middle School, and Elementary School. During each portion of the tour our Legislators were led by students from their respective buildings. It was a great day to meet our Legislators and show them what is currently taking place in our district.

Thank you to our student tour guides and thank you to Senator Outman, Representatives Meerman and Outman for spending time in our district!





KENT CITY

High School Graduation Ceremony

Thursday, June 1st, 2023

7:00 pm

Open to anyone, no tickets required
 Ward Memorial Field (weather permitting)
 HS Gym (in case of inclement weather)

Ava Lou Afton
 Jim Timothy Anderson*
 Joshua Don Anderson II
 Izabella Denalyz Arechiga*
 Brayden Thomas Armstrong
 Troy Allen Atwood
 Devin Scott Bair*
 Aleeya Maureen Bass
 Lillianna Marie Berg
 Daisy Renee Bishop
 Kendyl Jo Bjorkman*
 Dante Joesel Botello
 Lexie Mae Bowers*
 Raedan Leigh Brace
 Madilyn Pearl Brake**
 Lukas Rylee Braman
 Tyler James Brummel
 Saydee Savannah Cairns
 Sheldon Dale Campbell
 Kristen Rae Cardoso
 Xander Michael Chatel
 Carson John Chilson*
 Ashlee Jean Clelland
 Noel Antonio Coronado
 Candido Cruz
 Erin Ann Daniels
 Nicolas Enrique Diaz
 Pedro Diaz-Charles
 William Duran-Yanez
 Mario Garcia-DeSantiago
 Grace Elizabeth Geldersma
 Maxwell Charles Goldner*
 Bryan Osmar Gonzalez
 Kyler Michael Hall*
 William John Harrison*
 Luke Mitchell Heeringa
 Jakob John Herbig
 Adrian Manuel Hernandez
 Jacee Lynn Hoffman*
 Madison Rae Hudson*
 Jaret Joseph Jaramillo*
 Zane Michael Kik*

Sarah Elizabeth Kozal*
 Stephany Labrador Rincon
 Gavin Louis LaPointe
 Jonathan Jesus Larraga
 Kyler Derek Larson
 Webb Dale Longcore*
 Kayleigh Nichole Louck
 Ryan Gene Lucht
 Brody O'Neill Lund
 Hayley Ray Lyon
 Justin Christopher Mack
 Pedro Matias Martinez
 Ryan Samuel McCuaig
 Carissa Megan McCullough
 Maryellen Hunter Meisch
 Gabriel Mezquite Cruz
 Jack Henry Michell
 Savannah Jo Miller*
 Kirk Anthony Mollien*
 Kyle James Monterusso
 Chase Jose Moreno*
 Jade Roselynn Mortensen
 Abagale May Nelson
 Makenna Marie Neuman*
 Leslie Guadalupe Nevarez-Solis
 Kaylee Elizabeth Norkus
 Coalter Anthony Oliver
 Payton Mitchell Oliver
 Summer Jasmine Olson*
 Selena Mireya Pablo-Ramirez*
 Chase Alan Parmentier
 Abbigal Louise Pecynski*
 Cameron Michael Pepich
 Carson Edward Pieper
 Alexis Marie Polus*
 Aubrie Dawn Pullum
 Susan-Joy Louise Rau
 Sophia Corrine Reed
 Megan Barbara Rode
 Nicholas Lee Rode
 Madilynn Ann Roe
 Dante Antoine Rogers

Jose Alfredo Romero Jr
 Joseph Emmanuel Rose
 Elias Rubio-Casas*
 Leticia Susana Sanchez-Hernandez
 Ayzlyn belle Scheuneman*
 Julia Faith Schnicke*
 Kayden Rose Schragg*
 Dylan Michael Schutt*
 Jordan Blake Senkowski
 Christian Michael Shoemaker
 Abigail Joy Sible
 Ethan Marshall Slock*
 Kaden Parker Slock
 Ava Sophia Smith
 Lizette Marie Solorio*
 Dylan Joel Sutton
 Grace Alexis Sutton
 Austin Keith Sytsma
 Seth Charles Vanderwest***
 Nicholas Scott VanHouten
 Briana Rae Vanriper
 Maria Guadalupe Vargas
 Yahir Vargas-Vaca
 Angel Daniel Vazquez Juarez
 Karley Alexis Vazquez*
 Judson Benjamin Weber
 Mason James Westbrook
 Wesley Scott Wheeler
 Lauren Audrey Witt
 Kaleb Keith-William Witte
 Esther Carolyn Yates*
 Payton Elizabeth Zimmer

**CONGRATULATIONS
 GRADUATES!**

*Highest Honors

**Valedictorian

***Salutatorian

Senior Awards Night

Each year, Kent City High School hosts Senior Awards Night prior to Graduation. The ceremony this year was on Monday, May 1st, in the newly renovated Performing Arts Center, beginning at 7 pm. The awards ceremony honors the outstanding efforts of our graduating seniors and is a time to present several local scholarships to students who are heading to higher education next fall.

Kent City High School Prom

The Kent City High School Prom will be held on Saturday, May 13th. This year's prom will be hosted at Canadian Lakes near Stanwood. The event will run from 7:30 pm - 10:30 pm.

KCMS Field Trips

In May, students in 6th, 7th, and 8th grade have the opportunity to attend a field trip. Students in the 6th grade will be spending a day at Camp Roger in Rockford. Students in the 7th Grade will travel to Chicago and make a couple of stops around the city. Students in the 8th Grade will travel to Mackinac Island to take part in some of what the island has to offer.

Kent City Winter Winds

The Kent City Winter Winds traveled to Dayton, Ohio for the Winter Guard International (WGI) World Championships in April. The Winter Winds team has been practicing and competing for several months, and the World Championships will mark the end of their season for 2023. The top groups in the Nation work for this event. The Winds represented the smallest school in the division (the next smallest was over 800 and went up to several schools over 1100 students). They performed on Saturday and finished 7th which qualified them to compete at World Championship Finals on Sunday. The students had an amazing run and finished 6th in the nation in Scholastic A. This has been a groundbreaking year for the team. On a side note, WGI featured a small clip of the Winter Winds on their Instagram and Tik Tok and both videos are their top viewed videos of the day with over 35,000 views and 12,000 views respectively.



Grant News!

I'm excited to share that Kent City MS and HS received a grant from [GVSU's Groundswell](#) granting organization. Groundswell is a coalition of community partners and educators creating opportunities for hands-on environmental exploration and learning through professional development, project support and meaningful partnerships.

Our backyard at Kent City has wonderful resources for our students that many schools do not have. We have a direct link to the Great Lakes! The Ball Creek runs through our property which is connected to the Rogue River and the Grand River which leads right to Lake Michigan. We're at a unique spot with our Great Lakes watershed location! In addition, we have the oldest recorded Mesic Forest in Kent County (Mesic is a forest which contains maple and birch trees). There's more! Our little prairie, which our xc runners go through, is essential for the diversity of plants and animals.

Our grant through Groundswell is already working! Their mission is to connect us with other community partners and we are taking our 7th graders to a field trip to John Ball Zoo. JBZoo has over 30 conservation programs which reach local and international levels. They're considered a leader in conservation amongst accredited zoos. In addition, we received two backpacks from the Grand Valley Metro Council/Lower Grand River Organization of Watersheds. These backpacks are filled with outdoor lab equipment that professionals use to test water quality. Our students will be able to collect data and monitor the health of our outdoor ecosystem.

You are welcome to attend GVSU's Groundswell showcase. Kent City students will be there showing how we are going to utilize this grant now and for further opportunities in the future. Other schools in West Michigan will be there and we'd love the support from Kent City!

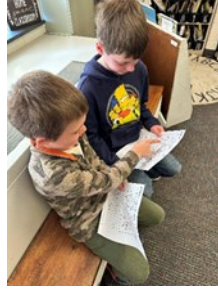
We're excited to launch this program and for what it holds for us in the future!

Tara Lafferty M.Ed.,
KCMS 7th/8th Grade Science Teacher



**Student Inspires Young Writers
(Kids Inspired by Kids)**

Third grade student, Xavier Beiter, has a talent for writing and illustrating comics. Inspired by the popular book series “Diary of a Wimpy Kid” by Jeff Kinney and “Dog Man” by Dav Pilkey, he creates many adventures based on fictional and nonfictional characters, including our very own teachers and staff! One of his stories titled “Math Partners” was about Kindergarten teachers, Ms. Sabin and Mrs. Carlson, saving the day from bank robbers! The teachers shared it with their students and they LOVED IT!



Inspired by Xavier’s comic, kindergarten student Jack Sandison worked on a Text Connection page and created a comic about one of their Shared Reading books. He even did it in retell order! He asked Ms. Sabin if it looked like the comic the 3rd grader makes. What an impact Xavier made on him and so many other students at Kent City Elementary! Xavier’s teacher Mrs. Everingham stated, “Xavier loves sharing his work and is very impressed with the kindergartners’ work!”

Think! Talk! Take Action About Energy

Prior to Spring Break, 4th & 5th grade students learned how to be energy efficiency experts at home by taking part in the Think! Energy® program. Education experts from the National Energy Foundation in collaboration with Consumers & DTE Energy led the interactive, hands-on presentations which included brain breaks and experiments to teach students about what energy is and how to use it wisely. Students also received a home energy efficiency kit packed with items such as LED bulbs, high efficiency shower heads and kitchen and bathroom sink aerators to install at home. This was the perfect way to compliment our STEM lessons on energy, natural resources and environmental resources.

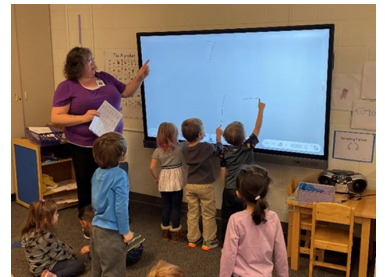


Prevent the Summer Reading Slide

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 company, to send FREE, NEW books to current K-3 students that they can keep forever! Each child will receive 9 free books 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 are rewarded with a prize and certificate in the fall! It’s simple.... Read a book, report the book, repeat, and see results!

New Technology Enhances Learning

Kent City Elementary is excited to share that our school has invested in interactive BenQ monitors. We have purchased these large HD displays for learning spaces throughout the building that contain built-in audio and an interactive touch-screen display, which will provide an unparalleled learning experience for our students.



The interactive touch-screen display has multiple touchpoints, which means that up to two people can interact with the screen at the same time. This feature allows teachers and students to model their thinking and demonstrate concepts in a collaborative way, promoting active engagement and group learning.

The split-screen feature is another valuable aspect of the interactive display. It allows us to show two different windows simultaneously, which is great for looking back at text or an image and responding to a question at the same time. This feature makes it easier to demonstrate multiple concepts at once, and it’s a valuable tool for reviewing information.

We are grateful to the support of our community, as we have been able to purchase this new technology tool with district bond funds. This investment is a testament to our school's commitment to providing the best possible learning experience for our students.

We are confident that this new technology tool will make a significant impact on student engagement and learning. Our teachers and students will be able to work together in ways that were not previously possible, and we believe that this will help our students to achieve even greater success.

Kent City Community Schools has been working over the past year to develop a structure and process for Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) with a specific focus on building a district-wide Positive School Climate (PSC) that will be implemented in the 2023-24 school year. PSC will focus on teaching appropriate behaviors to students, utilizing consistent responses from teachers, and implementing levels of support for all students at KCCS which aligns with our district's Mission Vision, and Values. Our values are also threaded within our Kent City acronym:

- G**ive and get respect
- R**esponsible and safe
- E**ngaged
- A**ccepting
- T**rustworthy

A strong MTSS and PSC structure has been shown to provide a number of benefits such as:

- Increased attendance rates,
- Increased instructional time,
- Increased performance on state and local tests,
- Decrease negative behaviors,
- Improve perceptions around safety, and
- Increase accessibility and belonging, to name just a few.

MTSS is not supported by one person but instead by everyone involved with students. This includes not only the teachers, parents, and administration, but also the board of education, support staff, cafeteria staff, librarians, custodial staff, bus drivers, etc. Everyone plays a role in the success of students and we are fortunate to have the community that exists within Kent City. Go Eagles!

If you'd like to listen to our journey, please go to the School-Talk link for an interview that was conducted earlier this year:

<https://www.wgvunews.org/the-wgvu-morning-show/2023-01-26/school-talk>

It's a GREAT day to be an Eagle!



For many kids, summertime means food, friends and fun. For families who count on school breakfast and lunch, however, the summer months can be stressful and family food budgets have to be stretched even further.

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 x2105.

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 pm starting June 19th and finishing July 26th (no school July 4th). Please contact Barb Berry @ (616) 450-2657 or barbara.berry@kentcityschools.org if interested.

Kent City Community Independence Day

The Kent City Independence Day is back for a bigger better 2023. Moving to Main Street this year and featuring the band Bucket O Maybes, the annual Independence Day event will be host to several new activities and space. Follow us on Facebook by searching Kent City Independence Day Celebration to stay up to date with our line up of food trucks, vendors, kids activities and games. Festivities begin at 6pm and continue until dark when the musical fireworks display will begin. Family friendly entertainment and opportunities to meet your local first responders, police and a special guest or two. Stay tuned for easier parking, games and our new improved kids area.

Kent City to host MHSAA Track and Field State Finals for 2nd Consecutive Year

The Michigan High School Athletic Association has chosen Kent City to host the Track and Field State Finals on Saturday, June 3, 2023. 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

Kent City High School won the overall CSAA Activities Championship for the 2022-2023 school year. Included in the calculation of the overall Championship was a third place finish in Quiz Bowl and first place finishes in both Forensics and Language Arts. Kent City finished with a total of 28 points for these three combined and was 9 points ahead of the second place school. Well done, Eagles!

All-Conference honors for CSAA Activities

Language Arts: Max Goldner, Julia Schnicke, Sarah Kozal

Forensics: Max Goldner, Abigail Mannor, Aaron Schnicke, Ava Robinson, Julia Schnicke, Tristan Lutz, Josiah Farrington, Megan Rode, Kaylee Norkus, Skylynn Kieft

Quiz Bowl: Seth Vanderwest, Mitchell Chrapek

Visual Arts: Maryellen Meisch, Megan Rode

Talent Revue: Hatcher Linsley

Honorable Mention honors for CSAA Activities:

Language Arts: Anggie Sanchez

Forensics: Joe Maloney, Gabe Magoon, Lilli Berg, Dyanna Valdes, Mitchell Chrapek, Amy Sytsma

Quiz Bowl: Josiah Farrington, Devin Bair

Visual Arts: Hatcher Linsley, Sylvia Freeland, Cooper Houtman, Lilliana Lapointe, Patricia Morales-Rios, Abigail Roeters, Julia Schnicke, Payton Zimmer

Talent Revue: Madison Puite

Summer Athletic Camps

GIRLS BASKETBALL

JV/Varsity Team Camp, June 12-15, 9-11:30am

Youth Camp, June 26-28

1st-3rd, 4:30-6:00pm

4th-8th, 6:00-7:30pm

SIDELINE CHEER

Varsity Team Camp, July 25-27, 9am-2pm

Summer practices start August 1, 9am-12pm

Youth Camp, August 8-10, 9am-12pm

FOOTBALL

JV/Varsity Team Camp, July 24-28, ALL DAY

Summer conditioning

Tues & Thurs, 8-10am & Sun 6-8pm

7 on 7 tournament, July 20th, starts at 3pm

Rocket Camp, July 24-26, 6-8pm @ Ward Field

Fee: \$20

SOCCER

Youth Camp, June 15-16 @ 6pm for 1st-5th

Boys Team Camp, July 24-28, Location TBD

Summer workouts start June 13

Tues & Thurs, 6-7:30pm

Community Rec Program, Fall '23 & Spring '24

BOWLING

Summer Clinic, August 19 @ Sparta Lanes

5 yrs-6th, 10am-12pm

7th-12th, 1-4pm

WRESTLING

HS & MS Team Camp, July 9-12 @ CMU

Open Mats start June 13 in HS room

Tuesday's, 5:30-7pm

SOFTBALL

Youth Camp, July 17 & 19, Varsity Field

1st-5th, 9:30-11am

6th-8th, 11:30am-1pm

VOLLEYBALL

Summer Camp, July 10-12 @ KCHS

6th-8th, 1:30-3:30pm

9th-12th, 9:30am-1pm

Fee: \$90 HS; \$55 MS

Youth Camp, July 19-21 @ KCHS

3rd-5th, 6-7:30pm

Fee: \$40

CROSS COUNTRY

Team Camp, August 6-9

Summer workouts start June 11

Tues, 8:30am, HS; Thurs, 7pm, HS; Sun, 3pm, HCNC

Visit KENTCITYATHLETICS.COM for updates & more information!

Kent City Community Schools Calendar

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- LD - LABOR DAY
- FB - FALL BREAK
- TV - THANKSGIVING
- HV - HOLIDAY VACATION
- RD - RECORDS DAY
- MW - MID-WINTER BREAK
- SV - SPRING VACATION
- MD - MEMORIAL DAY

Student last day is June 7th - 1/2 day
 End of 1st Semester - 1/25/24
 Records Day - No school for students 1/26/24
 Total Student Days 180
 Total Teacher Days 183





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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.