UPCOMING EVENTS

February 15  5th Grades Families meet at KM Middle School for meeting – 5:30 pm
February 18  Early Release – Students dismissed at 3:05 pm
February 25  Early Release – Students dismissed at 3:05 pm
Parent Teacher Conferences
February 26  No School
Parent Teacher Conferences

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BUILDING NEWS~

5th Grade Families - Mark your calendar for Monday, February 15th beginning at 5:30 p.m. Join us at Kettle Moraine MS to learn about your choices for next year.

When you first arrive, principals Michael Comiskey and Laura Lloyd will provide an overview for the evening and give you directions for other places in our school to visit and learn.

The format for the rest of the evening will be somewhat open, with opportunities to see periodic short presentations about your child’s choices for learning environments for next year. Many of our teachers will be here. There will be opportunities for questions and answers between presentations.

There also will be staff members here to help you learn about the following:
• Music teachers will discuss middle school band, orchestra, and choir.
• Special education teachers will be here to discuss programming for students with special needs.
• School counselors will discuss the registration process and the student services we provide.
• Our technology experts will explain the Technology Partnership Program, our program for student Chromebook use and ownership
• Our KMMS PTO friends will be here to tell you how parents are involved in the life of our school.

Our evening will end at 8:00 p.m. - plenty of time to see our newly renovated spaces and begin your middle school journey.

Special note: there will be an opportunity to visit us during the school day the following Monday and Tuesday (2/22 and 2/23) if you would like to see our school in action. Information on that will be coming soon. Questions? Call us at (262) 965-6500 or email Mr. Comiskey at comiskem@kmsd.edu
PTO NEWS~
Visit the PTO Facebook or PTO website for more information on upcoming events and learn how you can be involved at Dousman Elementary.

STAFF APPRECIATION CONFERENCE DINNER - THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH, 2016 - We would like to provide the staff with an early dinner on Thursday, February 25th to show our appreciation for all they do. The staff will have a longer day due to conferences, and we would like to share some of your favorite family casseroles with them. Please consider bringing in one of the following items listed below.

- Casserole of your choice (6)
- Salad of your choice (6)
- Dessert of your choice (6)
- Case of Water (3)
- Paper Plates (60)
- Plastic forks and spoons (60 of each)
- Napkins (60)
- Bag of Breath Mints (3)

Please contact Jenny Krug jkrug1975@gmail.com or Kari Grossklaus kgrossklaus1@gmail.com if you can bring in any of the above items. You may also use the link to signupgenius.com/go/9040945AFAF2A13-staff or go to signupgenius.com, find a sign up, enter creator email jkrug1975@gmail.com to sign up.

Please have your items to school by 3:00pm. We need to be ready to serve the staff right after the kids are dismissed at 3:05pm. Items may be dropped off at the front desk.

Thank you for your continued help and support! Questions? Suggestions? Please contact Jenny or Kari at the emails listed above.

USED BOOKS NEEDED FOR THE DOUSMAN ELEMENTARY BOOK SWAP!

Clean out your book shelves! - The book swap isn’t until spring, but we are now accepting donations. So, please take a few minutes to clean off a bookshelf and donate your unwanted kids books to Dousman Elementary! The donation bin is next to the lost-and-found and includes donation tax refund forms. We are looking for all levels of children’s books and always are in need of upper grade level books (4th, 5th, 6th). Thank you for your donations! Please contact Lisa Naughton if you have any questions or wish to help with this event, naughton.lisa@gmail.com.

DISTRICT NEWS~

KMSD Seeks Parent Feedback on Core Values & Priorities for the Future - As has been the practice throughout KMSD’s rich history, schools have reflected the values and aspirations of their communities. Every few years the District asks for the community to help shape its future direction. On October 24, 2015 more than 100 people came together to strategically envision the next chapter for educating KM’s 4,000+ students. We are now seeking feedback on those core values and priorities from you! Please read more and provide your feedback by February 28 at www.kmsd.edu/strategicvisioning.
The Kettle Moraine High School Jazz Program presents "A Taste of New Orleans" on Saturday, March 5th beginning at 6pm in the KMHS Cafeteria. Enjoy a New Orleans cuisine prepared by the Delafield Brewhaus while listening to performances from KMHS Jazz Ensembles I and II, Jazz Studies and KMHS Laser Vocal Jazz. There will also be a silent auction held with gift baskets to benefit students in the KM Music program. Reservations can be only be made through tinyurl.com/tono2016. Tickets are $25 and include food and entertainment. Advanced reservations are highly encouraged, there will be a very limited amount of meals available at the door.

KM PRN presents “Self-Care: Using Mindfulness Practices to Find Balance in Our Lives” a coffee chat on Monday, February 22, 11:00 am to 12:30 pm at Yoga 4 All, 208 E. Oak Crest Drive in Wales. Learn how the basic principles of “Yogic Philosophy” that include the Yamas (how we treat the world) and the Niyamas (how we treat ourselves) help us to establish healthy boundaries between our work, family lives, and personal needs. Click here to register for this FREE event. Please wear comfortable clothing.

COMMUNITY EDUCATION~

Recreational Volleyball League Friday Nights - For Youth - KM Community Education is proud to present co-ed recreational volleyball league play on Friday evenings at Kettle Moraine High School for students in grades 4th-8th. We emphasize sportsmanship and fair play. Teams will be separated by grades 4-5 and grades 6-8. Registration details can be found online at www.kmsd.edu/communityed
Don’t delay, registration deadline is today!

Softball Camp - Grades 4-8 are invited for a hitting and/or defensive fundamentals softball camp offered by KM High School Varsity Coach Graf. Camp will be held on March 20 at KM High School. Registration forms and further detail can be found online at www.kmsd.edu/communityed

KM Jr Laser Football 2016 Season - Registration is now open for students entering grades 5-8 for the fall of 2016 interested in playing tackle football. Season begins in August and concludes in October. Registration packets can be found online at www.kmsd.edu/communityed. There will be an informational meeting on Wednesday, March 2 at 7pm at the high school library for those new to the program and interested in learning more information.

Online Flyer Webpage - Events & Activities in the Kettle Moraine Community
Check out our new online page for community events and activity flyers. These events are not sponsored by the Kettle Moraine School District but have been approved by the Community Education Office for sharing on our website. Current flyers include:

- Free Boys Hip Hop Class - Grades K-5 - February 28
- Delafield Public Library February Schedule of Events
- 2016 KM Rec Flag Football Registration
- Learn Guitar
- Camp Anokijig