February 5, 2016

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

February 8  
Summative Report Card is now available for your viewing in Infinite Campus (IC).
K-3 Grade Field Trip to KM High School Auditorium – 9:00-11:00 am

February 9  
Student Council Meeting – Frog Alley – 7:45 am

February 11  
Early Release – Students dismissed at 3:05 pm

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

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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.

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.

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. Our facilitator and Yoga 4 All owner, Marie Coakley, will discuss the relevance of these ten clarifying principles to finding balance and peace within our stressful modern world. Simple mindfulness practices that you can easily incorporate into your daily routine at home or at work will be demonstrated to help build self-awareness, de-clutter the mind and reduce stress. These techniques can be used by all ages and are beneficial for all members of your family! 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 February 12.

Spring Deco Mesh Wreath - February 16 - Come join us for a Spring Project to chase the Winter blues away. During this hands on workshop each participant will craft a Spring
Wreath using Deco Mesh and Decorative Ribbon. The Spring colors of Lavender, Yellow, Green and Turquoise will be used along with spring colored wire ribbon. Workshop leader will guide you through Step by Step simple Instructions to create your wreath masterpiece. No craft experience necessary. All supplies are included (Wreath base, Deco Mesh & Ribbon). You will walk away with a completed 25" Spring Wreath for your door or wall. Plus your friends and family will be amazed that you made it yourself! The registration form can be found in the Community Ed Course Guide at www.kmsd.edu/communityed.

**Google Classes**
This series of classes will introduce you to Google apps and other digital tools that are fun to use for communication, organization, and research. We’ll also have a session that introduces you to the basics of online safety.
FEE: $15 per class
LOCATION: KMHS Computer Lab 216
TIME: 6:00–7:00pm DAY: W

Google Apps: Wed., Feb. 10th
Being Safe Online: The rundown: Wed., Feb 17th

Social Media: Beyond Facebook: Pinterest! Instagram! Twitter! Dubsmash! And more... Wed., Feb 24th

Badgerlink: The Wisconsin connection to digital information: All Wisconsin residents have access to this resource collection. Learn what Badgerlink is about and how to use it. Wed., March 2nd

More information and registration is located at www.kmsd.edu/communityed.

**New 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:
- Delafield Public Library February Schedule of Events
- 2016 KM Rec Flag Football Registration
- Learn Guitar
- Camp Anokijig