UPCOMING DATES OF INTEREST

FEBRUARY

Monday, 2/1  7:00 p.m.  KMMS Band Pops Concert 1—**KMMS Large Gym**
Tuesday, 2/2  7:00 p.m.  KMMS Band Pops Concert 2—**KMMS Large Gym**
Thursday, 2/4  3:30 p.m.  Girls Volleyball @ New Berlin Eisenhower

Tuesday, 2/9  3:30 p.m.  Yearbook Photos (club & activity group photos)
  9:00 a.m.  PTO Parent Coffee
  3:30 p.m.  Girls Volleyball @ New Berlin Eisenhower
Friday, 2/12  6:30 – 8:30 p.m.  KMMS Winter Dance

Monday, 2/15  5:30 & 7:00 p.m.  5th Grade Student/Parent Orientation
Tuesday, 2/16  2:40 – 3:30 p.m.  Student Senate
  3:30 p.m.  Girls Volleyball vs Nature Hill
Thursday, 2/18  3:30 p.m.  Girls Volleyball vs Pewaukee Black
  7:00 p.m.  All District String Festival—**KMHS Auditorium**

Tuesday, 2/23  3:30 p.m.  Girls Volleyball @ Park View Blue
Thursday, 2/25  3:30 – 7:30 p.m.  Parent/Teacher Conferences
  3:30 p.m.  Girls Volleyball @ Burlington Black
Friday, 2/26  7:00 – 11:00 a.m.  Parent/Teacher Conferences

Every Wednesday, we will follow the *advisory* schedule

**Forensics** meets every Tuesday from 2:45 – 4:00 p.m.

**Media Club** meets every Monday after school until 4:00 p.m.

**Open Art Studio** meets every Wednesday 2:40-4:00 p.m. in the Art Rooms

**STEM Club** meets every Tuesday and Wednesday through March after school until 4:00 p.m. in Room 110

- Information about school-sponsored sports, clubs, and other after school activities can be found on the activities area of our website:  
  [http://www.kmsd.edu/Middleschool.cfm?subpage=967686](http://www.kmsd.edu/Middleschool.cfm?subpage=967686)
- Be sure you are opted in to receive daily announcements! Click [here](http://www.kmsd.edu/Middleschool.cfm?subpage=967686) to opt-in or update your settings
• The literature rack (located in the student services office) contains information on non-school sponsored activities such as music lessons and classes at facilities outside school. A list of current information is at the end of this document.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Guardians,

WHOOOOOSH! That first semester went by very quickly.

At this point, we are comfortable with our new spaces and already making plans for more work in our house instructional areas over the 2016 summer. And a new semester is just underway.

With the start of that new semester, most students have one or more new classes and teachers - a fresh start of sorts. Now is a good time, with report cards ready for viewing online, to review that first semester and set goals for semester two. Something I read recently regarding goal setting and achieving advocated recognizing the barriers in the way of meeting those goals. A middle schooler’s world is full of barriers, some of which can be competing interests and passions that occur after school. Another is just poor focus and lack of discipline. Now is a good time to take stock.

Have a wonderful January weekend,

Mike Comiskey
Principal
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DO YOU DROP YOUR CHILD OFF IN THE MORNING?

Parents:
This is a reminder that when dropping your child off for school in the morning, you need to be using the West entrance of the parking lot and driving around the back of school to drop your child off on the South East corner of the parking lot. Please do not drop them off in the front of the building in the bus lane. A map of the traffic pattern is located on the website for additional reference. Thank you for your cooperation and for adhering to our traffic pattern.

PTO NEWS

Please look for a yellow postcard coming to your mailbox soon. KMMS PTO has mailed out a last request for effortless fundraising. The next round of teachers requests are coming soon, and the tax deductible donations are very low this school year. Please take time to help.

We also want to make sure you are aware that the next PTO coffee is Wednesday, February 10th. It will be a curriculum visitation day for Science and Social studies. These visits have provided great conversation and information to those who attend. Lastly, our next dining for dollars will be Wednesday, February 24th at Panera in Delafield. More information will be available as the date gets closer.
Thank you. We hope to see you on February 10th!
ATTENTION 5TH GRADE FAMILIES

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

When you 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

See you February 15th!

DISTRICT INFORMATION

PARENT RESOURCE NETWORK EVENT: HELP! MY TEEN IS DATING!
Tuesday, February 2, 6:30 - 8:00 PM, Oconomowoc Art Center (at Oconomowoc HS)
The Oconomowoc Parent Education Network (OPEN) has extended a special invitation to the KM Community to attend this upcoming event. “Help! My Teen is Dating” will be presented by award-winning author and founder of the Date Safe Project, Mike Domitrz.
For more information and to register for this FREE event, visit http://datesafe.eventbrite.com.

ONCE UPON A MATTRESS MUSICAL THIS WEEKEND
Kettle Moraine School for Arts and Performance (KM Perform) is proud to present their 4th annual fully produced musical. Featuring the work of over 75 students students in grades 9-12 from various artistic specialties, Once Upon A Mattress, a rauous retelling of the fairytale classic “The Princess of the Pea,” goes up January 29th, 30th, and 31st. Friday and Saturday night performances begin at 7:00 pm, and the Sunday matinee will be at 2:00 pm. Ticket prices are $12.
for adults and $10 for Seniors and K-12 students. To purchase advanced tickets, visit www.kmperform.com. Tickets may also be purchased in person at the box office beginning 1 hour before curtain. Though *Once Upon A Mattress* is a humorous fairy tale, some patrons may find it unsuitable for youngest audience members, similar to a “PG” film for plot content. Thank you for your interest in our production. We hope to see you at the show!

**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

**SPRING DECO MESH WREATH**

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!

Registration form can be found online at www.kmsd.edu/communityed in the course guide

**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

**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 Comupter Lab 216  
TIME: 6:00–7:00pm DAY: W  

Google Gmail and Calendar: Wed., Feb. 3rd  
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

Contact Community Education to register at www.kmsd.edu/communityed
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 January Calendar of Activities
- Delafield Public Library LEGO Dimensions Grades 5-10 January 29
- 2016 KM Rec Flag Football Registration
- Learn Guitar
- Camp Anokijig

Community Education registration forms and further details can be found online at www.kmsd.edu/communityed