UPCOMING DATES OF INTEREST

FEBRUARY

Friday, 2/12  6:30 – 8:30 p.m.   KMMS Winter Dance
Saturday, 2/13  Forensics Meet—Barack Obama School

Monday, 2/15  2:45-4:00 p.m.   MathCounts Party—Room 608
5:30 p.m.   5th Grade Student/Parent Orientation—KMMS
Tuesday, 2/16  2:40 – 3:30 p.m.   Student Senate
3:30 p.m.   Girls Volleyball vs Nature Hill
5:00 p.m.   Forensics Parent Meeting—Create
Thursday, 2/18  3:30 p.m.  Girls Volleyball vs Pewaukee Black
7:00 p.m.   All District String Festival—KMHS Auditorium
Saturday, 2/20  8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.   Forensics Meet—Silver Lake, Oconomowoc

Tuesday, 2/23  3:30 p.m.   Girls Volleyball @ Park View Blue
Wednesday, 2/24  4:00-8:00 p.m.  Dining for Dollars—Panera Bread, Delafield
Thursday, 2/25  3:30 – 7:30 p.m.  Parent/Teacher Conferences
3:30 p.m.   Girls Volleyball @Burlington Black
Friday, 2/26  NO SCHOOL
7:00 – 11:00 a.m.   Parent/Teacher Conferences
Saturday, 2/27  8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.   Forensics Meet—Nature Hill, Oconomowoc

Every Wednesday, we will follow the advisory schedule

Forensics practices 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
- Be sure you are opted in to receive daily announcements! Click here to opt-in or update your settings
FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents / Guardians,

Early next week, we will be sending communication for you to sign up for second semester conferences. These will be held on Thursday, February 25th from 3:30–7:30 p.m. and Friday, February 26th from 7:00-11:00 a.m. The Thursday conferences will be scheduled – look for the SignUpGenius link – and Friday will be arena-style, with no appointment necessary.

We believe connecting with your child's teachers in person is a great opportunity to hear about their progress, learn about their struggles, and if necessary, share in some problems-solving. We hope you will join us.

Have a great Valentine's weekend. Hug someone you love!

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

Parents,
We have had some near misses in the morning as a result of cars not following the correct traffic pattern. We are asking you to follow the designated traffic pattern and drop your child off on the South East corner of the school and NOT be using the bus lane in front of the school or the middle of the parking lot between the Middle School and Dousman Elementary. Here is a link to the traffic pattern and map of the designated drop off location. Thank you for your cooperation in providing a safe environment for everyone.

PTO NEWS

PTO COFFEE
Thank you to everyone for coming to this past Wednesday's PTO coffee. We hope that you walked away with some good information. Mr. Morris's class was doing a project that seemed really fun for the kids and he took time to stop and explain to us what is being learned in his classroom. Ms. Rychlak had lots of participation from her students and she was very engaging with the kids. We would also like to thank the teachers for allowing us to come in and observe their Social studies and Science classes. Those of you who missed this coffee, please check out the PTO notes online.
Our next coffee will be great! We are having law enforcement here to help us understand and learn about internet safety and safety at school. That coffee will be on Wednesday, March 9th. We look forward to seeing you there.

SCHOOL DANCE
Tonight, a school dance will be held at the middle school from 6:30-8:30. Student Senate has asked the PTO help out with concessions again (we always love to help). Parent volunteers will be serving up pizza for $2.00 a slice, sweet treats for $1.00 per plate and water at $1.00 per
bottle. Please keep that in mind when dropping off your child. We would like to recognize HOME DEPOT and PICK'N SAVE for their donations for the dance.

**EFFORTLESS FUNDRAISING**

Effortless fundraising donations are low; please help if you are able to do so. The next round of grants is coming up and we would like to help the school and teachers however we can. We can’t do it without you. Please go to infinite campus and click on payment, your student, options and PTO donations, or send in a check to KMMS PTO. ALL IS TAX DEDUCTIBLE. Thank you.

**DINING FOR DOLLARS!**

Our next dining for dollars will be Wednesday, February 24th at Panera in Delafield. Here is more information and a flyer.

**DISTRICT INFORMATION**

**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"**

Join us on Saturday, March 5th beginning at 6pm in the KMHS Cafeteria. Enjoy 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” Join us for 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 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.

OPEN WEIGHT ROOM

Are you looking to stay active in the winter? Join us in the High School Weight Room on days school is in session, on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays with the high school football coaching staff. All Middle School students are welcome from 5-6:15pm. Hope to see you there!

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

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