### February

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<td>Saturday, 2/20</td>
<td>8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m.</td>
<td>Forensics Meet—Silver Lake, Oconomowoc</td>
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<td>Monday, 2/22</td>
<td>2:40-4:00 p.m.</td>
<td>MathCounts Meets</td>
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<td>Tuesday, 2/23</td>
<td>3:30 p.m.</td>
<td>Girls Volleyball @ Park View Blue</td>
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<td>Wednesday, 2/24</td>
<td>4:00-8:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Dining for Dollars—Panera Bread, Delafield</td>
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<td>Thursday, 2/25</td>
<td>3:30 – 7:30 p.m.</td>
<td>Parent/Teacher Conferences</td>
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<td>Friday, 2/26</td>
<td>3:30 p.m.</td>
<td>Girls Volleyball @Burlington Black</td>
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<td>Saturday, 2/27</td>
<td>7:00 – 11:00 a.m.</td>
<td>Parent/Teacher Conferences</td>
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<td>Monday, 3/7</td>
<td>9:00 a.m.</td>
<td>NO SCHOOL—Professional Development</td>
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<td>Wednesday, 3/9</td>
<td>7:00 p.m.</td>
<td>PTO Parent Coffee—Commons</td>
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<td>Thursday, 3/10 &amp; Friday, 3/11</td>
<td>7:00 p.m.</td>
<td>KMMS Musical: “Alice in Wonderland, Jr.”—Small Gym</td>
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<td>Thursday, 3/17</td>
<td>7:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Spring Choir Concert—KMMS Large Gym</td>
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<td>Saturday, 3/19</td>
<td>8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.</td>
<td>7th &amp; 8th Grade Solo &amp; Ensemble—Oconomowoc HS</td>
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<td>Monday, 3/21</td>
<td>6:00-9:00 p.m.</td>
<td>6th Grade Band Solo Festival—KMMS</td>
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<td>Friday, 3/25</td>
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<td>NO SCHOOL—Spring Break Begins—School</td>
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<td>Resumes Monday, 4/5</td>
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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,

Something I learned about myself when I was in “principal” school was that while I love to read and research, I do not really enjoy the process of writing my papers or preparing my presentations. Now, as a principal, I continue to read all kinds of bloggers, writers, and fellow administrators’ thoughts on navigating school administration or life in general, but sometimes put off finishing that presentation or communication piece.

One of my favorite reads, written by Eric Barker, is called Barking up the Wrong Tree. He publishes an article each week based on his research on many different topics; his insights and stories are always interesting. Here’s a recent post entitled “How To Be A Better Parent: 4 Secrets Backed By Research.” I share it with you with humility, knowing that you are not coming to this middle school newsletter for parenting tips, and recognizing from my own experience that parenting adolescents is a tricky journey. I would love to hear what you think of it. Drop me an email anytime.

Enjoy the weekend,

Mike Comiskey
Principal
comiskem@kmsd.edu

PTO NEWS

If you are able to help provide a meal for staff who will be working the evening of Thursday, February 25th, please sign up here: http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0E45A9AC28A31-kmms1

DINING FOR DOLLARS!

Join us Wednesday, February 24th at Panera in Delafield. Here is more information and a flyer.
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.

DISTRICT INFORMATION

PROJECT FAIR REGISTRATION
Students in Grades 1-5 are invited to participate in the annual KM Project Fair. This is a great opportunity for your children to showcase their special interests! Registrations are due March 22! Visit www.kmsd.edu/projectfair for complete details.

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. Click here to register for this FREE event. Please wear comfortable clothing.

KM PRN PRESENTS “HELPING KIDS NAVIGATE THE DIGITAL WORLD SAFELY 2.0”
Presented by the KMSD library media specialist team, Wednesday, March 2, 6:30-8:00 PM – Cushing Elementary Activity Center. Back by Popular Demand! Social media isn’t simply a way of life for kids – It is life itself! But even though social media offerings and apps keep
changing at lightning-speed, there are common things parents should be aware of to check & discuss with kids to keep them safe. Is the content “age appropriate”? Are there public default settings? Are kids able to share “real-time” video streams or “temporary” photos and what are the implications? Does the app offer anonymity and what consequences can result from this? These are just a few of the areas parents need to consider when deciding if an app is appropriate. The KM Parent Resource Network invites you to join us for this presentation that will help you keep your kids’ online interactions safe, productive, and positive. Parents will learn about popular apps kids are using and what you need to watch for including the importance of privacy settings and about parental controls. Parents will come away from this event with a family toolkit filled with valuable information and tips on talking to your kids about sharing and posting information, photos, and videos properly in order to avoid digital drama, cyberbullying, and oversharing. This event is recommended for parents of elementary through high school students. To reserve your spot at this FREE event visit http://digitalworldsafety.eventbrite.com!

COMMUNITY EDUCATION

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
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

SUMMER FOOTBALL CAMP
This all position, no contact camp is offered to young athletes in grades K-7. Instruction is offered by the KM High School Football Coaching Staff and varsity players. Join us June 20-23 in the afternoon. Campers will learn the most up to date techniques of every football position-both individually and as a team. Registration forms 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.

PARK AND REC OPPORTUNITIES
The KM Community Education Office is pleased to share the recreational opportunities offered by the local municipalities. Programs include t-ball, baseball, softball, flag football, volleyball, soccer and more. Please visit www.kmsd.edu/communityed

ONLINE FLYER WEBPAGE - EVENTS & ACTIVITIES IN THE KETTLE MORaine COMMUNITY
Check out our 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 First Stage Class - K-12 - February 28
- Free Boys Hip Hop Class - Grades K-5 - February 28
- Delafield Public Library February Schedule of Events
- Locked in at the Library After Hours Scavenger Hunt Grades 4-8 - February 26
- Wii Night Grades 5+ - March 25
- 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

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