UPCOMING DATES OF INTEREST

FEB
Fri, 12  Last day of the Classroom Box Top Challenge
Mon, 15  Important Parent Information Night at KMMS for next year’s 6th Graders, 5:30-8 PM
          Dine For Cushing at Picnic Basket starts today-through Feb 21
Wed, 17  Shop for Cushing at Tadpoles
Fri, 19  Science Day,
Sun, 21  Last day to Dine For Cushing at Picnic Basket
Mon, 22  School House Players, Grades 4K-2, 9:45 in the gym
          Shop the Tea Collection, save 15%, and benefit
          Cushing, through the 29th
Thurs, 25 Parent/Teacher Conferences 4-8 PM
Fri, 26  NO SCHOOL
          Parent/Teacher Conferences 8 AM- Noon

MESSAGE FROM MRS. TOETZ

Cushing uses Infinite Campus messaging for important things like safety updates and grading and reporting information. Please make sure the email you have listed in Infinite Campus is the email that you see during the day. Our school nurse also uses that email address to let you know about any non urgent issues from the health room, as well.
Attention 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 from both our 6th grade legacy area and Create house and meet many of the teachers. 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

PLEASE SAVE THESE ITEMS FOR ART AT CUSHING

- toilet paper / paper towel rolls
- extra ribbon / buttons
- Newspaper (most needed)
- Extra fabric / felt
- small recyclable boxes... such as mac n’ cheese / granola bar size
- cylindrical recyclable items... such as pringle cans, oatmeal containers
- small yogurt containers

ANNOUNCING THE 2016 VARIETY SHOW - CUSHING ROCKS!

Mark your calendars and plan your act because this year’s Variety Show – CUSHING ROCKS - is scheduled for Friday, April 22nd, 6pm, at the Cushing School of Rock. This jammin’ show is sure to raise the roof! Rock your talent -- song, dance, jokes, poetry, skits, instruments, juggling and more…BE A STAR! Perform by yourself, with a friend, or group. Information and registration forms are available in the front office or download the registration and casting call sheet here.
The Box Top Classroom challenge is coming to an end. If you have any Box Tops still at home, please send them to school Monday in a baggie with your child's teacher’s name on it or on this form.

The winning classroom will be announced Friday, February 19 during morning announcements. Thanks again for sending in your Box Tops!

SHOP THE TEA COLLECTION AND EARN 15% FOR CUSHING FEBRUARY 22-29

This is a chance to shop for your kids with an amazing 15% off your orders. And, 15% goes straight back to the Cushing PTO with FREE Shipping! Go to TeaSchoolDays.com and enter our promotion code: SDS16CUSHING in the box at checkout. Then click “apply code.”

SENTRY RECEIPTS

Keep collecting your Sentry receipts in your Ziploc bag! Don't forget to ask your neighbors, friends and family to continue to collect them as well. Every receipt helps!

WINTER CARNIVAL, A GREAT SUCCESS

Thanks to all of the volunteers and local community members who made this event fantastic. Special thanks to Erin Kraak, Deanna Deutsch, Angie Krueger, Katie Lephardt, Megan Mickevicius, Megan Rendle, Kristen Schmidt, Cory Willgrubs, Deb Levine, Andrea Berg and Tonya Jaskolski for all of their long hours and effort planning the Winter Carnival. We are also grateful to the numerous parent volunteers, the local Cub Scouts, Cushing All Stars, and local community.

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 Cushing PTO approved and donated funds for a new Gaga Pit that will be used for the school’s physical education classes and recess. It will live on our playground field area. All students will be trained on the rules of the game and will have a chance to play – recess monitors will be assigned to make sure the game is played fairly and safely.

**CUSHING ELEMENTARY’S VERY OWN**

**GAGA PIT**

COMING SOON THANKS TO FUNDRAISING CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY CUSHING’S FAMILIES & COMMUNITY

**“A TASTE OF NEW ORLEANS”**

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. 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! Marie has worked in the field of medical Speech-Language Pathology for over thirty years, has been an avid yoga student for over a decade, completing her yoga teacher training in 2009. She is passionate about sharing the benefits of these practices with others so that they can feel their best and maximize their personal potential. Click here to register for this FREE event. Thank you to Café Buzzz in Wales for donating the coffee. Please wear comfortable clothing.

Kettle Moraine Community Education helps bring community members together to identify and link community needs and resources in a manner that helps people to help themselves raise the quality of life in their communities. Be sure to visit our website for frequent updates and opportunities at www.kmsd.edu/communityed

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

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