Tuesday, April 19th is the first day of our spring book fair and we are celebrating it by dressing "groovy". The book fair has a "groovy" theme. So break out the tie dye!

DATES TO REMEMBER

**APR**
- **Fri, 15**  5th Grade to UW-Madison Engineering 8:35-3:15
- **Deadline for 4th Gr to register for Band/Orchestra for next year**
- **Parent Input for Class Placement due today**
- **Tues, 19**  Groovy Clothes Tuesday
- **5th Grade Tour of KMMS 9-10:30 AM**
- **Book Fair through Friday the 22nd**
- **Fri, 22**  Wear Blue Day for Autism Awareness
- **Variety Show**
- **5K to the Zoo 8:45-2:45**
- **Thurs, 28**  All School Assembly 2:20 PM
- **Dine for Cushing, Culver’s in Wales, 5-9 PM**

**MAY**
- **Mon, 2**  L4 to Poynette through Wed, 5/4
- **Teacher Appreciation Week through 5/6**
- **Wed, 4**  B4 & M4 to Poynette through Fri, 5/6
- **Fri, 6**  Spirit Wear Day
- **Thurs, 12**  Kindergarten Open House
- **Mon, 16**  Gr 5 BOC Concert 6:30
- **Thurs, 19**  Physical Awareness Day
- **Bag Lunch is the ONLY hot lunch choice today**
- **Mon, 23**  District Band Festival, KMHS
- **Tues, 24**  5th Grade Track Meet, KMHS Track
- **Wed, 25**  Raindate, 5th Grade Track Meet, KMHS Track
- **Gr 1 to First Stage Children’s Theater**
- **Fri, 27**  Gr 1, Patriotic Concert 2PM
- **Mon, 30**  Memorial Day, NO SCHOOL
- **Tues, 31**  1st Gr to the Zoo 8:45-2:15

**JUNE**
- **Fri, 3**  Spirit Wear Day
- **3rd Gr to Historic Downtown Milwaukee 8:45-2:00**
In this emessenger you are being asked to fill out a survey about your satisfaction with our school.

Once the survey is complete, the results will be analyzed by an outside organization. The data from the survey will be sent to me and Pat Deklotz, the Superintendent. I share the data with our school leadership team in the summer and we create plans to address improvement. One thing we have been trying to work on this year is feedback about how your child is learning, based on your survey results from last year. The survey can be accessed online at: KMSD Parent Satisfaction Survey 2016  Thank you for interest in and support of Cushing. Please contact me if you have any questions concerning the survey.

Last week I sent a survey about homework. Our school leadership team met one morning this week before school and looked at patterns within the responses. Here are some things that we learned about our parents' perspective on homework with 211 responses:

- 82.3% of parents agree or strongly agree that their child should have regularly assigned tasks from school
- 85.7% of parents believe that their child's current assigned tasks are valuable to their learning.
- Current average daily homework time ranges from 5 minutes to 150 minutes (varies greatly by grade level).

The school leadership team is examining research and best practices and then creating a plan for consistency within each grade level. As soon as we have that formulated, you will receive communication about it. Thank you for providing feedback to us!

You may get the form for input regarding class placement HERE. Please note that it is due to Cushing by April 15th.

Last Tuesday, April 5th, the current All Star Club members attended a student council summit which included all elementary student councils throughout the district. The students discussed ideas they currently do and brainstormed new ideas for the future. Our students did a wonderful job and represented Cushing well. A special shout-out to Sam Woodword and Megan Robertson who on very short notice presented in front of 100 students, many principals and staff members all the great things that the All Star Club has accomplished this year.

From April 22nd to May 15th, the All Star Club will be collecting nonperishable food items for families in need. All elementary schools in the Kettle Moraine School District will be participating in this food drive. We will be accepting food items during the Variety Show on Friday, April 22nd.

The Kettle Moraine School District is on a continuous journey to make our schools the best places for students to learn, staff to work and parents to send their children for a good education. In this effort we need your help and support. We need to know the areas where we are performing to your expectations and perhaps the areas where more focus is needed. Please take a few minutes to complete this Parent Satisfaction Survey to help provide your feedback. Thank you for your support!
Band and Orchestra registration is now open through April 15th for students entering 5th grade next year. In 6th grade all students are required to choose either Band, Orchestra, or Choir. It is highly encouraged that all students wishing to participate in middle school Band or Orchestra begin in 5th grade, as it provides a strong foundation for them to be successful with an instrument. Students who are not involved in 5th grade Band/Orchestra will remain with their classroom teachers during rehearsal time. All rehearsals happen during the school day for both groups.

Please register for Band or Orchestra by April 15th at kmsd.edu/elementaryband

Questions? Contact Mr. Weiss weissn@kmsd.edu (Band) or Mr. Petersen petersjo@kmsd.edu (Orchestra)

This spring’s Scholastic book fair has a groovy twist. Come check it out and plan to dress “Groovy” next Tuesday for the launch. Jeans, tie-dyes, bright colors…rock your inner peace and love.

**Hours:**

Tuesday 12 - 6:15 pm  
Wednesday 8:15 am - 4:15 pm  
Thursday 8:15 am - 4:15 pm  
Friday 8:15 am to 8:30 pm (Open during Variety Show)

If you would like to volunteer to work at the book fair, please contact Megan Rendle at Megant19@yahoo.com. Here’s an incentive – for every shift you sign up to volunteer (before April 16th) and complete, your name will be entered into a drawing for a scholastic gift certificate to use at the book fair. Thank you so much for your participation!

Once again, Cushing teachers and staff will be serving dinner at Culver’s to benefit our school. Take the family out for dinner and 10% of total store sales between 5 - 9pm will be donated to the Cushing PTO!

Teacher Appreciation Week is coming up in early May! The PTO has special events planned throughout the week and ending with a lunch on Friday. If you would like to send in supplies or help with the lunch items for our amazing Cushing teachers, please email Carri Baril care0507@aol.com or Michelle Bunten bundrei@yahoo.com to receive the sign-up lists.

April 14-23, 138 North Avenue, Hartland – Enter at street level, additional parking behind the building. This is a unique life-size exhibit of a teen’s bedroom with more than 20 “red flags” that can signal drug or alcohol use in order to educate parents and other adults so they know what seemingly innocent items can actually be an indication of substance abuse. The “Wake Up Call” bedroom identifies spots where teens may hide drugs, household items that can be used as drug paraphernalia and ways teens try to cover up drug and alcohol use. Guided tours of the bedroom will run every 30 minutes and are led by persons in recovery who as teens used these items and hiding spots or parents who saw these things first-hand in their own homes. This is a collaborative effort between the KM Parent Resource
Network, Your Choice (in same building), Oconomowoc Parent Education Network and Waukesha County Drug Free Communities. Adults only (21 and older) are allowed to tour the bedroom. For more information about public tour hours or to set up a private tour for groups of 8 or more adults, contact the Your Choice office at 262-367-9901 or visit their website at www.yourchoice-live.org.

**Public Tour Hours for “Wake Up Call” – 138 North Avenue, Hartland**

- **Thursday, April 14:** 10:30 am-1:30 pm and 6:00-8:00 pm
- **Friday, April 15:** 10:30 am-1:30 pm
- **Thursday, April 21:** 10:30 am-1:30 pm and 6:00-8:00 pm
- **Friday, April 22:** 10:30 am-1:30 pm
- **Saturday, April 23:** 11:30 am-2:30 pm

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**KM High School Boys Basketball Coach, Brad Bestor,** is offering a variety of summer camps in June and July during the afternoons. Please visit [www.kmsd.edu/communityed](http://www.kmsd.edu/communityed) for details. Camps opportunities are available for grades K-8.

KM High School Girls Basketball Coach, Jack Hervert, is offering an offensive/defensive fundamentals camp June 13-16 at KM High School for grades 3-8. Registration forms can be found online at [www.kmsd.edu/communityed](http://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](http://www.kmsd.edu/communityed)

**Sand Volleyball League/Clinic**-Students in grades 6-8 are invited to our sand volleyball league offered by Coach Gulak, head boys volleyball coach at Kettle Moraine High School. League is held on Tuesdays, May 31-July 12 from 5:30-7 at KM Middle School. Registration forms can be found online at [www.kmsd.edu/communityed](http://www.kmsd.edu/communityed)

**Adult Tennis**-Parents, are you looking for some fun, recreational activity this summer? Join us for an adult tennis league at the KM High School tennis courts. Play is in June, July, and August on Mondays or Wednesday evenings. Registration can be found online at [www.kmsd.edu/communityed](http://www.kmsd.edu/communityed).

**KM Youth Girls Select Volleyball Grades 5-8 – WYVL**-Kettle Moraine is proud to offer athletes the opportunity to play in the Wisconsin Youth Volleyball League this fall. Practices will be held on Monday and Wednesday at KM Middle School with exact practice times TBA after tryouts, but in the window of 5-8 p.m. All games will be played at Center Court in Waukesha and matches will be played on Saturdays and/or Sundays in September and October. There will be an informational meeting for players and parents on Wednesday, May 18 from 6-7 p.m. in the KMHS Library. Tryouts are May 24 and May 26. Registration and tryout information can be found online at [www.kmsd.edu/communityed](http://www.kmsd.edu/communityed)

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**ONLINE FLYER WEBPAGE! CHECK HERE FOR EVENTS & ACTIVITIES IN THE KETTLE MORAINE COMMUNITY**

Online Flyer Webpage - Events & Activities in the Kettle Moraine Community
Check out our online page for community events and activity flyers - [www.kmsd.edu/communityflyers](http://www.kmsd.edu/communityflyers). 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:

**COMMUNITY EVENTS**
- Dousman Chamber & Dousman Lions Casino Night - April 23, 2016
- Financial Literacy Night - May 14, 2016
- Lombardi Walk to Tackle Cancer - June 25, 2016

**ATHLETIC OPPORTUNITIES**
KM Rec 2016 Flag Football Registration
Lakeside Fitness Fit Body Boot Camp Youth Training
MUSIC/DANCE/FINE ARTS OPPORTUNITIES
Learn Guitar
SUMMER OPPORTUNITY - Creative Writing Camps
DELAFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY EVENTS
Delafield Public Library - April Calendar of Events
Amazing Author Event - April 21
Pokemon Night! - April 22
Extended Hours for Exam Week - June 6 and 7
2016 SUMMER CAMPS
Camp Anokijig
MISCELLANEOUS OPPORTUNITIES
Bright Ideas Learning Community - Pre-K, Before and After School Care, and Summer Programs
Immigration Lecture Series