Early Release each Thursday at 3:05

UPCOMING DATES OF INTEREST

JAN
Thurs, 21 Kindergarten Registration 5K 5-6 PM; 4K 6:30-7:30
Mon, 25 NO SCHOOL
Thurs, 28 DE/CE Band Performance at Dousman Elementary 6:30 PM

FEB
Fri, 5 Spiritwear Day
Winter Carnival, 5:30-8:30
Mon, 15 Important Parent Information Night at KMMS for next year's 6th Graders, 5:30-8 PM
Fri, 19 Science Day
Mon, 22 School House Players, Grades 4k-2, 9:45 in the gym
Thurs, 25 Parent/Teacher Conferences 4-8 PM
Fri, 26 NO SCHOOL
Parent/Teacher Conferences 8 AM- Noon

MESSAGE FROM MRS. TOETZ

Goal setting and persistence are important habits for students to be college and career ready. Over the last few days, I have been in classrooms reading a story and doing an activity about persistence. I read the book, Ruby’s Wish to our K-2nd grade students and Uncle Jed’s Barbershop to our 3rd-5th grade students. We identified what goals the characters set and how they persisted to attain those goals. Students then shared their own goals. Our students have lofty goals! I described persistence as “never giving up”. I still have a couple of classrooms to visit next week, and I look forward to hearing the rest of our students' goals.

KETTLE MORaine 4K PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

Join 4K Coordinator Abby Peterson at the KM4K Parent Information Night from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 21, 2016 at Wales Elementary School, 219 N. Oak Crest Drive.
This meeting will provide new families with important information about the educational programs and opportunities within our District. Parents will learn about the 4K curriculum, transportation policy, what a typical day looks like and more. KM4K Directors from each site will be available to answer questions.

The KM4K student application period for the 2016-17 school year begins on Tues., Jan. 26, 2016 from 8am to 6pm and thereafter weekdays 8am to 3pm.

Please click HERE to read exciting new plans to provide wrap around care for 4K students on site at Cushing for 2016-2017

ATTENTION 5TH GRADE FAMILIES! ORIENTATION PROCEDURES FOR 6TH GRADE AT KMMS ARE DIFFERENT THIS YEAR.

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
Join us for A Night of Superstars at the Cushing Winter Carnival! Join us for FREE carnival games, face painting, balloon animals, colored hairspray, crafts by Kohl's Color Wheel, a cake walk, and the always popular classroom basket raffle! Come for dinner and enjoy food from local vendors including Mazatlan and Rocky Rococo.

Please Volunteer for the Winter Carnival
We are looking for volunteers to ensure the night is a success! We're using VolunteerSpot (the leading online sign-up and reminder tool) to organize our upcoming sign-ups.

Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

1) Click this link to see our Sign-Up on VolunteerSpot.
2) Review the options listed and choose the spot(s) you like.
3) Sign up! It's Easy - you will NOT need to register an account or keep a password on VolunteerSpot.

Note: VolunteerSpot does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact Meghan Lodes at mlodes@earthlink.net, and she can sign you up manually.

Fill the Classroom Baskets! If you haven’t contributed already, click here to view the basket themes selected by the teachers. Please consider donating an item to fill your classroom basket. The baskets will be raffled off the night of the carnival. All items must be brought to the classrooms by Thursday, January 28th.

Purchase Your Tickets Now & Get Free Tickets! All ticket orders returned to school by Thursday, January 28th qualify for free tickets for every $5 purchased. This year's tickets will be used only for the Classroom Baskets raffle. Click here to view the ticket flyer.

The December challenge was a huge success! We received 673 receipts, which added up to $51,209.14! Cushing will receive $512.09 for the month of December!

Aden Grundtner -- M2 won the $25 gift card to Hobby Town.
Owen Fennig -- P3 won the $75 gift card to Sentry.

Please continue to collect your Sentry receipts, as this is an easy and effortless way to fundraise for Cushing! Encourage your family, friends and neighbors to continue to collect their Sentry receipts for
1. Shop at Delafield Sentry.
2. Save your Sentry receipts in a Ziploc bag.
3. Put your child's and teacher's name on the Ziploc bag. If you have multiple students at Cushing have a Ziploc bag for each child.
4. Have your child or children turn in the Ziploc bag to the golden bin near the lost and found.

**BOXTOPS CLASSROOM CONTEST!**

**When:** January 2016  
**Where:** Classroom Collection Boxes  
**Why:** To earn $$$$ for Cushing Elementary! And, to win a classroom snack party!

Did you know you can find BoxTops on these unique products?  
- Land 'O Lakes Butter  
- Select Progresso Beans  
- Many Ziploc Products

**CUSHING MEMORY BOOK-ORDER BY FEBRUARY 1st!**

Every year, Cushing celebrates its students, staff, and teachers in a yearbook – or memory book. An order form came home last week. Please return the flyer by February 1st or order online: just click on [www.inter-state.com/yearbook](http://www.inter-state.com/yearbook) and enter the code 04804R.

**ENROLLMENT IS NOW OPEN FOR KETTLE MORAINE CHARTER HIGH SCHOOLS**

The early enrollment application window for district residents is now open for the High School of Health Sciences, KM Global and KM Perform. The early enrollment window closes on Friday, January 29 at Noon.  
- [Apply to the High School of Health Sciences](#)  
- [Apply to KM Global](#)  
- [Apply to KM Perform](#)

**“CONFIDENT, RESILIENT KIDS IN 5 EASY STEPS”**

January 20, 6:30-8:00 PM, By Kimberly Krueger, Cushing Elementary Activity Center.

Learn the 5 tried and true steps that when used again and again will grow your child's self-confidence and resiliency, decrease anxiety levels and build their character. These steps work for kids of all ages: elementary through high school! [Click here](#) to reserve your seat for this FREE event.

**NEW DISTRICT & SCHOOL WEBSITES COMING SOON**

Later this month the Kettle Moraine School District will be launching a new website for the District and each school. The new design will feature a cleaner look, unique top navigation for each site, icon-based quick links and more social media integration. It will also be responsive on any mobile device. More information will be in the e-messenger in the coming week.
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

**DON’T GET LOST - SIGN UP FOR SPANISH!** - Grab on your compass - We’re going camping in SPANISH! In this exciting theme based class ¡Vamos a Acampar! students learn Spanish through imaginary adventures in the great outdoors. Whether swimming, canoeing, or repelling down a cave your child will be engaged every step of the way. And YOU will be impressed with the amazing way that the vocabulary and builder phrases lead your child down a path of lifetime language learning! Register at www.kmsd.edu/communityed

**After School Karate- Cushing and Dousman**- This fun, high energy beginner’s class is designed just for kids! Join instructor Roger Salick, Kinetekan Master with 45 years of experience. Do you want a fun, exciting way to keep kids busy for an hour after school? This nonviolent class develops attention focusing skills, coordination, discipline and respect while learning the fundamental techniques of various martial arts. Registration details can be found online at www.kmsd.edu/communityed.

**Children's Choir-Kettle Moraine Children’s Choir for grades 3rd-5th** is a program to provide developmentally appropriate comprehensive music education through the art of choral singing to the families and community of the Kettle Moraine School District. Classes will be held on Thursdays from 5-6 p.m. beginning February 4. Sign up at www.kmsd.edu/communityed.

**Bricks 4 Kidz- Bricks 4 Kidz® Early Engineers after school enrichment class is NEW to the Kettle Moraine School District!** Our classes provide an extraordinary atmosphere for children, where we learn, we build and we play…with LEGO® bricks. Students build a new model each week, designed by B4K engineers and architects, with exciting themes that kids love! We use technic LEGO®’s, teaching students how gears, pins and axels work together to create movement. Enrollment is limited for grades 5K-5, registration details can be found online at www.kmsd.edu/communityed.

**Moderate Yoga- After School**- In this class we will explore a mindful approach to yoga postures, alignment, breath, meditation and relaxation. Appropriate for beginners or those who have some experience-modifications will be given to varying levels. For further course information please visit 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

**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

**AEROBICISE! FOR WOMEN AND MEN**- Need that extra push to get started on an exercise program? Make it easy by joining the longest running aerobics class in the Lake Country area. For over 30 years we’ve been getting this community into shape and making friends at the same time. We’ve perfected our routines so they work for anyone of any age or fitness level. Work at your own pace with easy to follow steps set to a wide variety of the music you love. You’ll get just the right cardiovascular workout followed by floor work that will both tone and stretch all of your muscles. Come a few minutes early and join in our arm weight circle where we strengthen the upper body while catching up with one another. Grab your
athletic shoes and floor mat, and make a commitment towards a healthier you! Registration form can be found online at [www.kmsd.edu/communityed](http://www.kmsd.edu/communityed) in the course guide.

**New Online Flyer Webpage - Events & Activities in the Kettle Moraine Community** - Check out our new [online flyer page for community events and activities](http://www.kmsd.edu/communityed). These events are not sponsored by the Kettle Moraine School District but have been approved by the Community Education Office for sharing with the Kettle Moraine Community.

Check out our new [online page for community event and activity flyers](http://www.kmsd.edu/communityed). 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](http://www.kmsd.edu/communityed)
- [Delafield Public Library: Extended Library Hours for Studying for Finals - January 18 & 19](http://www.kmsd.edu/communityed)
- [Delafield Public Library: Wii Night - Grades 5 and Up - January 22](http://www.kmsd.edu/communityed)
- [2016 KM Rec Flag Football Registration](http://www.kmsd.edu/communityed)
- [Learn Guitar](http://www.kmsd.edu/communityed)