3 Days Left: Dine for Cushing at Picnic Basket: ends February 21st

Breakfast, lunch or dinner. Dine in or carry out!!

**UPCOMING DATES OF INTEREST**

**FEB**
- 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
- Tues, 23: Parent Preview of the 5th Grade Puberty Education
- Thurs, 25: Parent/Teacher Conferences 4-8 PM
- Fri, 26: NO SCHOOL
- Parent/Teacher Conferences 8 AM- Noon

**MAR**
- Tues, 1: Summer Academy Brochure Available
- Mon, 7: No School
- Thurs, 10: Variety Show Registrations due today
- Fri, 11: 5th Grade Puberty Education Presentations to Students
- Mon, 14: 4th Grade Band/Orchestra Registration Night
- Summer Academy Registration Opens
- Tues, 15: Summer Academy Registration
- Wed, 16: Summer Academy Registration Closes
- Tues, 22: Variety Show performers meet with director/music due today
- Fri, 25: No School, Spring Break Through Friday April 1st

**Friday, Feb 19th** There is only 1 choice for Hot Lunch, a bag lunch with Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Mini Carrots, Potato Chips, Banana, Mini Rice Krispie Treat
The language we use with children is extremely powerful at promoting learning. Parents and educators can make a difference in a child’s self concept and belief in their own ability to achieve. One thing we can all be mindful of is the language we use with children. Some suggestions for promoting a “growth mindset” include not using generic praise, but instead giving specific feedback on the effort children make to complete a task (“great job” vs. “you kept trying and trying to tie your shoes and now you can, well done!”) When a child expresses frustration over not being able to do something use the word “yet” quickly and regularly. It gives children the idea that they will be able to complete that task someday soon with their own practice and effort. Here is an article with more information about the power of words with young children.

4th Grade Band/Orchestra Registration Night
(for students who will be in 5th grade in 2016-17)

March 14th at 6:30pm in the Kettle Moraine High School Auditorium

The music staff of Kettle Moraine invite you to attend our Annual Band and Orchestra Registration Night! During this meeting you and your 4th grade child will be provided with important information regarding the 5th grade Band and Orchestra programs. Your questions will be answered and registration information will be handed out. Vendors from local music stores will also be on-hand to answer your questions.

As part of the KM music curriculum, students in 5th grade have the option of expanding their musical concepts by participating in either Band or Orchestra. Students can choose to enroll in either of these ensembles, which meet as part of the school day. Students choosing not to participate in Band or Orchestra will remain in their classrooms during the rehearsal time.

In 6th grade all Kettle Moraine Middle School students are required to participate in Band, Orchestra, or Choir. It is strongly recommended that all students who wish to be in Band or Orchestra for 6th grade participate in 5th grade, as this prepares them for success in middle school and ensures will be on track with their peers.

If your child is interested in Band or Orchestra but you are unable to attend this meeting registration information will be available online at www.kmsd.edu/elementaryband. Please register by April 1st if using the online option.

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.

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!

SUMMER ACADEMY BROCHURE AVAILABLE MARCH 1

Summer Academy 2016 will be held June 20 through July 29, 2016 at Kettle Moraine High School. The Summer Academy Brochure will be posted March 1 at www.kmsd.edu/summeracademy.

Registration will be open for district residents March 14-16. Students currently enrolled in KM schools will be able to register online in Infinite Campus. Students who are residents of the district but who are not enrolled in KM schools may email or drop off a registration form during those dates. (The registration form will be posted with the brochure.)

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.

“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 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**

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

**KM PRN presents**

“HELPING KIDS NAVIGATE THE DIGITAL WORLD SAFELY 2.0”

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 connectionto 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 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

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