UPCOMING DATES OF INTEREST

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MESSAGE FROM MRS. TOETZ

STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) continues to be something we are developing and expanding at Cushing. We have renamed our Maker Space into a "Design Lab" in the basement. We are going to have all grade levels get an opportunity to learn in the new lab over the next couple of weeks. We also want to keep the lab open during recess time for each grade level. We are looking for any volunteers that would be willing to help supervise students during their lunch recess times if they want to stay inside for “Design Lab” time. This supervision would include helping students think, design, find materials in lab, and then clean up. There would be a short training for volunteers. We sent this schedule and form out a few weeks ago and were able to find a couple of volunteers, however we are in need of more. Here is a preliminary "Design Lab" recess schedule:

Monday: 5K 11:35-12:15
Tuesday: 1st grade 11:45-12:25
Wednesday: 2nd & 5th grade 12:20-1:15
Thursday: 3rd grade 12:00-12:40
Friday: 4th grade 12:10-12:50

If you are able to volunteer, please click HERE.
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

CUSHING WINTER CARNIVAL-February 5th from 5:30-8:00

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! Sign up now on VolunteerSpot.
Fill the Classroom Baskets-Only One Week Left! 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.

Calling all Bakers If you would like to volunteer your baking skills for the Cake Walk, please sign up now on VolunteerSpot.

**SENTRY RECEIPTS-THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**

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 Cushing.

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.

**BOX TOPS CLASSROOM CHALLENGE**

The classroom challenge is off to a great start and will run until February 12th – so keep collecting your Box Tops and turn them in as soon as possible. Please tell students to place their Box Tops in the container in their classroom. The class with the most Box Tops will win a snack party!

Another fantastic way for your student’s classroom to earn a lot of Box Tops – shop at Pick & Save grocery stores and purchase any 10 General Mills Box Tops for Education products and earn $10 for your school – 15 General Mills products earns $15 for Cushing. The cashier will give you a receipt to turn into school along with the Box Tops.

**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 and enter the code 04804R.
Parents United presents ‘What Behaviors Can Be Expected, (Knowing the Difference Between a Serious Problem and the Typical Behaviors of Childhood/Adolescence)’ with Robert Peyton, PhD, BCBA-D, of Madison Behavioral Psychology. This seminar will be held Wednesday, February 10, 2016 from 9am-11:30am at the Country Springs Hotel & Conference Center, Golf Road, Pewaukee.

Please email ediescott1950@zoho.com if you are interested in attending. This is a free workshop for all KMSD faculty, families and community members. To view details, click here.

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.

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.

NEW!!!
ONLINE FLYER WEBPAGE! CHECK HERE FOR EVENTS & ACTIVITIES IN THE KETTLE MORAIIME COMMUNITY

Check out our new online page for community event 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:

- Delafield Public Library January Calendar of Activities
- Delafield Public Library: Extended Library Hours for Studying for Finals - January 18 & 19
- Delafield Public Library: Wii Night - Grades 5 and Up - January 22
- 2016 KM Rec Flag Football Registration
- Learn Guitar