**UPCOMING DATES OF INTEREST**

**FEB**
- Fri, 26  NO SCHOOL
  - Parent/Teacher Conferences 8 AM- Noon

**MAR**
- Tues, 1  Summer Academy Brochure Available
- Sat, 5  Taste of New Orleans, KMHS Cafeteria
- 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

**MESSAGE FROM MRS. TOETZ**

Class placements for next year are something that parents start to think about with conferences here. Cushing is sending home a "Parent Information for Student Placement" form, that you are welcome to fill out. Cushing does not take teacher requests for next year, however your input about learning styles is taken into account. Cushing takes a lot of factors into consideration with class placement like gender, special needs (including enrichment groups), behavior, and abilities. We try to get a balance in each classroom. Teachers
from the current year help to make a draft of the class lists in May. The drafts then get looked at by specials teachers, reading specialists, school counselor, and school psychologist. The lists stay in draft form until August because of move ins during the summer.

**PARENT INPUT FOR CLASS PLACEMENT**

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

**DESIGN LAB UPDATE/MATERIALS NEEDED**

Our Design Lab is now open for business and students are able to come in at recess to Make and Take, Create and Capture, or work on design challenges. If you are interested in joining the fun let Mrs. Klatt know at klath@kmsd.edu.

We are in need of some items. If you have any of these at home please consider donating them.

- Toilet paper rolls
- Paper towel rolls
- Egg cartons
- Fabric/felt scraps
- Yarn/ribbon/string
- Plastic lids
- Plastic bottle caps
- Metal lids
- Metal hangers
- Magazines
- Newspaper

- Brown paper bags
- Old/recycled CDs
- Paper plates
- Plastic cups
- Paint/paint sticks
- Cardboard
- Puzzle pieces, not a complete puzzle
- Thread
- Bobbins
- Dominos
- Playing cards, not a complete set

**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](http://www.kmsd.edu/elementaryband). Please register by April 1st if using the online option.
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](#).

Thanks to all of the families who participated in the Box Top Classroom Challenge! Cushing students collected 10,203 Box Tops during this contest! WAY TO GO! The winning classroom was Mrs. Sayas' third grade – which collected 1,120 Box Tops – and will celebrate with a snack party!

It's time to turn in all of the receipts that you have been saving or collecting from your family, friends and neighbors. Send in your Ziploc bag by **Tuesday, March 1st**. Thank you for all of your continued support of the Sentry Receipt program!

We appreciate all of the Cushing families who dined at Picnic Basket last week to support our school.

**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](http://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](http://www.kmsd.edu/projectfair) for complete details.
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 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 “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!

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 for details. Camps opportunities are available for grades K-8.

Open Weight Room-Middle School Only- Are you looking to stay active in the winter? Join us in the High School Weight Room on days school is in session, on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, with the high school football coaching staff. All Middle School students are welcome from 5-6:15pm. Hope to see you there!

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.

**After School Wrestling** - KM High School Coaches are offering after school wrestling at all elementary schools this spring. Students with all experience levels are welcome. This will be an action packed, fun and safe introduction to the sport of wrestling. Registration forms can be found online at [www.kmsd.edu/communityed](http://www.kmsd.edu/communityed)

**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](http://www.kmsd.edu/communityed)

**Tae Kwon Do Class** - After School Tae Kwon Do class is being offered for students in grades K-5. Classes reinforce self-confidence, respect, focus and concentration along with physical fitness. Registration forms can be found online at [www.kmsd.edu/communityed](http://www.kmsd.edu/communityed)

**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](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:

- Free First Stage Class - K-12 - February 28
- Free Boys Hip Hop Class - Grades K-5 - February 28
- Delafield Public Library February Schedule of Events
- Locked in at the Library After Hours Scavenger Hunt Grades 4-8 - February 26
- Community Bike Swap - March 19
- Wii Night Grades 5+ - March 25
- 2016 KM Rec Flag Football Registration
- Learn Guitar
- Camp Anokijig