At Cushing we are fortunate to have extremely supportive parents. One way that parents can continue to support is in the area of literacy. According to this article, (Click HERE) parent involvement is the number one predictor of early literacy success and future academic achievement. In order to support your child in the area of literacy, here are some suggestions:

- Point to each word on the page as you read (early literacy)
- Read the title and ask your child to make a prediction
- Take picture walks (early literacy)
- Model fluency and energy and excitement to reading
- Ask your child questions about the book after reading
- Connect reading and writing when possible

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

From February 1-8th students at Cushing Elementary will be participating in a Jump Rope for Heart Event sponsored by the American Heart Association. We have been practicing in PE class for the past couple weeks, but during JRFH week students will do one day of individual jumping with long and short ropes and one day of team jumping roping.

All students will receive a special participation toy duck this year just for JUMPING! Students that fund raise also have the chance to earn other THANK YOU GIFTS and Lifesaver Pups.

On the JRFH collection envelope (issued to all students) their are two coupons that students can use to receive Lifesaver Pups and a Lanyard. Students with coupons should report the the gym during JRFH week to claim their pup between 8:20-8:45 AM!! The coupons must be signed by a parent.
New JRFH School Rules:

1. All thank you gifts must be taken home when issued.
2. Students may not wear lanyards in school.

Please visit the following link to sign-up to www.heart.org/jump

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

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!
The Cushing Winter Carnival is only a week away! Join us for FREE carnival games, face painting, balloon animals, crafts by Kohl’s Color Wheel, a cake walk, colored hairspray, and the always popular classroom basket raffle! Come for dinner and enjoy food from local vendors including Mazatlan and Rocky Rococo.

Thank You for Filling the Classroom Baskets! This year’s classroom baskets look amazing! We appreciate all of the families that donated such generous items. The baskets will be on display during school hours beginning Monday, February 1st. The baskets will be raffled off the night of the carnival – you do not need to be present to win.

Raffle Ticket Sales Next Week! Raffle tickets for the classroom baskets are $1 and may be purchased after school February 1-5 in the front lobby. Tickets are also for sale the night of the carnival.

Please Help the Night of the Carnival! We still need volunteers for a few shifts the night of the carnival. Please sign up if you can help at this great Cushing event.

Calling all Bakers! We need your donations of baked goods! Any amount is appreciated. If you would like to volunteer your baking skills for the Cake Walk and Bake Sale, please sign up now.

Our carnival theme is A Night of Superstars! Grab your favorite cape or superhero attire and get ready for the carnival next Friday, February 5th!

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.
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.

Kettle Moraine School for Arts and Performance (KM Perform) is proud to present their 4th annual fully produced musical. Featuring the work of over 75 students in grades 9-12 from various artistic specialties, Once Upon A Mattress, a raucous retelling of the fairytale classic "The Princess of the Pea," goes up January 29th, 30th, and 31st. Friday and Saturday night performances begin at 7:00 pm, and the Sunday matinee will be at 2:00 pm. Ticket prices are $12 for adults and $10 for Seniors and K-12 students. To purchase advanced tickets, visit www.kmperform.com. Tickets may also be purchased in

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**NEW SHOP FOR CUSHING EVENT-TADPOLES, FEBRUARY 17TH**

Shop at Tadpoles

**AND GIVE BACK TO CUSHING ELEMENTARY!**

February 17, 10 am - 7 pm
706 Genesee Street, Delafield, WI 53018
10% of all sales will be donated to the Cushing PTO!

Clothes, accessories, hair products, toys, gifts, and more!
Come check out all of the wonderful products for kids at Tadpoles in Delafield!
person at the box office beginning 1 hour before curtain. Though *Once Upon A Mattress* is a humorous fairy tale, some patrons may find it unsuitable for youngest audience members, similar to a “PG” film for plot content. Thank you for your interest in our production. We hope to see you at the show!

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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.kmsd.edu/communityed) in the course guide

**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](http://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

Google Gmail and Calendar: Wed., Feb. 3rd  
Google Apps: Wed., Feb. 10th  
Being Safe Online: The rundown: Wed., Feb 17th  
Social Media: Beyond Facebook: Pinterest! Instagram! Twitter! Dubsmash! And more... Wed., Feb 24th  
Badgerlink: The Wisconsin connection to 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

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