UPCOMING DATES OF INTEREST

FEB
Fri, 5  Spiritwear Day OR Dress like a Super Hero 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

Student leadership is an important part of Cushing. One of our Cushing graduates, Jeffrey Ksobiech, started a fundraiser at Cushing called the Miracle Minute. He is a student at Kettle Moraine Middle School and is now running an all-district fundraiser for Children’s Hospital. Our Miracle Minute fundraiser will be on Thursday, February 11th during morning announcements. We will take one minute and students can donate any of their change toward this great cause. We will see how much Cushing is able to raise. All of the other schools in Kettle Moraine will also be participating. This all started at Cushing with Jeffrey taking action. I meet with students regularly that want to help make our community a better place. Some things that are being done now are the All Star Club members sponsoring families at the holidays, fifth grade students that run our CNN-Cushing Network News, playground monitors that help keep things fair, a student that is planning a cancer fundraiser, and a crew of students planning our March assembly. I am so proud of our Cushing students because they care.

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

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

THE CUSHING WINTER CARNIVAL IS TONIGHT FROM 5:30-8 PM

All students will be coming home today with a Superstar medal courtesy of Orange Theory Fitness in Brookfield. Everyone attending the carnival is encouraged to wear their capes and superhero attire when they join us for A Night of Superstars!

Join Us for Dinner! The cafeteria will be filled with food vendors including tacos from Mazatlan, pizza from Rocky Rococo, and hot dog meals from the Boy Scouts. Already had dinner at home? Then stop by later for cookies from Great Harvest, hot cocoa from Revere’s, and popcorn from the Cushing All Star Club!

There is So Much To Do! 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! Please note that all students must be accompanied by an adult at the carnival.

**Classroom Basket Raffle Tickets** are $1 each and will be on sale at the carnival. Winners will be drawn at 7:30PM tonight. You do not need to be present to win.

If you would like to contribute to the Cake Walk and Bake Sale, please drop off your baked goods (6-8 pieces per plate) at school by 3:30PM today.

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.

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!
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.

Parents United presents “What Behaviors Can Be Expected”

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.

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. Our facilitator and Yoga 4 All owner, Marie Coakley, will discuss the relevance of these ten clarifying principles to finding balance and peace within our stressful modern world. Simple mindfulness practices that you can easily incorporate into your daily routine at home or at work will be demonstrated to help build self-awareness, de-clutter the mind and reduce stress. These techniques can be used by all ages and are beneficial for all members of your family! Marie has worked in the field of medical Speech-Language Pathology for over thirty years, has been an avid yoga student for over a decade, completing her yoga teacher training in 2009. She is passionate about sharing the benefits of these practices with others so that they can feel their best and maximize their personal potential. Click here to register for this FREE event. Thank you to Café Buzzz in Wales for donating the coffee. Please wear comfortable clothing.

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

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

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 Computer 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
Check out our new 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:

- Delafield Public Library February Schedule of Events
- 2016 KM Rec Flag Football Registration
- Learn Guitar
- Camp Anokijig