

KMS April Newsletter 2017



Students of the Month

Congratulations to Lascha Wells, Theo Jesionowski, Eden Cronley and Kolby Wilcox. They received a gift card compliments of PTO. Keep up the great work!

State Testing

The dates for state mandated testing are fast approaching. It is imperative that students arrive on time and well rested for these tests. As always, free breakfast for everyone will be served starting at 7:30 AM in the KMS cafeteria. Test dates are as follows:

DO YOUR BEST ON THE TEST!

April 25 & 27 7th & 8th grade Math AIR Test

May 3 & 4 8th grade Science AIR Test

8th Grade News

A meeting was held for those going on the DC trip on Wednesday, April 12. If you weren't able to attend we passed out itineraries and guidelines for the trip. If you didn't receive the paperwork please have your child see Mr. Bartlett for paperwork. Any paperwork that hasn't been turned in yet needs turned in ASAP! Medical forms need to be notarized!

The eighth grade students that are not going on the Washington D.C. trip will be traveling to the Ohio Caverns for a field trip experience. The students have been and are currently studying the makeup of Earth and how landforms are made and destroyed. This will be an opportunity for them to see and experience first hand some of the natural wonders within the crust of the Earth and observe how the rock cycle creates new rock and formations. The students will also enjoy a mineral mining experience and eat lunch in the beautiful park above the caverns. The cost to the students is \$6.00 and we still have a few students that have not brought in their money. We would like to have everyone's fee paid as soon as possible so final arrangements for the trip can be made. Students need to remember to bring their packed lunch if they are not getting a school-packed lunch, and they may bring along money to purchase souvenirs if desired. We will be returning to school by the end of the school day.



The last nine weeks reward day for 8th graders will be on Friday, May 19. Students with 4 or less demerits who meet the same requirements as the previous reward days will be able to go to the roller rink in Indian Lake. Students will have lunch at KMS and be able to bring money to buy snacks at the roller rink. Details for silver and bronze rewards at KMS will be determined and shared with the students in the very near future.

Dates to Remember

4-19 Band Parents Meeting

4-22 Dimensions Showcase 7PM

4-23 Dimensions Showcase 2 PM

4-25 Math AIR Test

4-27 Math AIR Test

4-29 KMS Track Invite 10 AM

5-2 Band & Choir Concert 7 PM

5-3 through 5-5 Seventh grade Camp Heartland Trip

5-3 Science AIR Test

5-4 Science AIR Test

5-9 through 5-13 Eighth grade Washington DC Trip

5-16 KMS Solo & Ensemble 7 PM

5-18 KMS Awards Night 7 PM

5-19 NJHS Dance 6:30-8 PM

5-24 8th Grade Promotion 1:45 PM



Students will not be able to attend class trips until all outstanding fees & balances are paid in full!
These include lunch accounts, library fines, school fees and technology repairs.
Stop in the KMS office to see Mrs. Maag to get those taken care of ASAP!

7th Grade News

The Camp Heartland trip is approaching fast! Students will be going to camp Wed., May 3rd - Fri., May 5th. If your child is on medication, we need that brought into the office by Friday, April 28th! Please follow the directions that were in your camp information packet on how to package it.

To help pay for camp, the students recently held a raffle and raised \$7,125 thanks to the generosity of the following who donated prizes: Kenton Athletic Boosters, KMS PTO, Mary Wormley, Adrienne Smythe, Amy Long, Top 20 Boosters, Tiffany Vehrs, Ellen Johnson, Ryan Miller, Matt & Marcy Jennings and David & Nikki Haushalter. Thank you to all who participated in support of our students!

Also, remember that we do reserve the right to refuse to take any student whom we feel would not participate and behave properly based upon experience at school. Please support us and help to emphasize the importance of academic responsibility so that your child can enjoy camp. Thank you for your cooperation and support of our camp field trip! Please let us know if you have any questions about the trip.

Design & Modeling

As part of Career Technology class at KMS, seventh grade students constructed and designed skimmers made from cardstock, paper clips, glue, tape and paper fasteners. A contest was held to see which ones could travel the farthest by rubber band power. The winners were as follows: First Place Trenton Yoder, Second Place Zach Heintz, Third Place Bobby Morrow and Fourth Place Riley Reed. Congrats!



Student Group Sponsored Events

The Upstanders just completed an Easter Fun Week where students dressed each day according to a theme and participated in fundraisers for the American Heart Association by paying \$1 to use technology at lunch, paying \$1 to have a fun activity period in the gym, buying Easter grams for friends and collecting donations for Hoops for Heart. They are now preparing for 6th grade orientation which will be May 8th.

Student Council is busy planning the 2nd annual Choose Hope day to benefit Not By Choice Outreach here in Kenton. We will need lots of parent volunteers to help that day with games, field events and activities. A parent letter will be coming home in the next couple weeks, but if you are interested in helping you can email Mrs. Jones at [jonestraci@kentoncityschools.org](mailto:jonstraci@kentoncityschools.org). We hope to have many community members and parents join us for the Opening Ceremonies on Tuesday, May 23 at 9:00 AM at the football stadium.

KMS Courtyard Revitalization Project

We have some very exciting news to share with you! In the spirit of building community connections and establishing working relationships, we here at Kenton Middle School have decided to take on a service project in our building. If you are familiar with our building, you know that we have a large courtyard in the middle of the school. This is a large, beautiful, outdoor space that has not been used in many years. We held a student design contest and Myranda Archer's design was chosen to create a functional space for alternative learning, quiet reading, mindfulness and to create a sense of connectedness to our school. We are hoping to add flowers, benches, paths, picnic tables, bird houses and things of this nature. We are reaching out to the community to ask for donations of expertise, time and/or materials. If you would like to find out more or help with this project, please contact our advisor Jessica Parsley at 419-673-1237. The first day for clean-up and removal of current materials is April 22 at 9 AM. Please let us know if you are willing to help on this day.



Band News

The spring band parents meeting for incoming freshman is Wednesday, April 19th at 6pm in the high school cafeteria.

Picture Reminders

If you haven't bought a school yearbook it is not too late. Yearbook forms can be picked up in Mr. Bartlett's room and either ordered online or returned back to Mr. Bartlett.