



Kentwood Public Schools

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MAKING THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE

Governor's Challenge: Take Diversity and Make it a Power *Kentwood is Ready and Prepared to Lead*

Vibrant ethnic communities are idea and job makers, Governor Snyder said during an address at Wayne State University on Immigration and Michigan's Economic Future. During his presentation, Governor Snyder outlined a new Global Michigan Initiative .

"Kentwood students have an advantage – they already learn to build relationships in a global district with a diverse and cosmopolitan perspective."

One of the goals of the initiative is to keep students from other countries in the state after graduation and connect ethnic communities with various economic development groups and venture capitalists. According to the Governor, "Michigan must take its diversity and make it a power."

While many communities in Michigan wonder how this will occur, Kentwood Public Schools is committed to lead by example.

"There is no question people are competing in a global economy," said Board President Mimi Madden. "Kentwood students have an advantage – they already learn to build relationships in a global district with a diverse and cosmopolitan perspective."

Kentwood Mayor Richard Root has regularly shared his vision of a "World Class Community" committed to excellence through vibrant partnerships between schools, local government, and business.

The mayor highlights these partnerships as foundational to a growing and strong community.

According to Kentwood Superintendent Dr. Scott Palczewski, "Governor Snyder recognizes the value of our work in Kentwood. Our students represent over 60 countries and speak 65 different languages. They are not only prepared for the change the Governor speaks of, they are ready to lead it."



In the past, Kentwood Public Schools has been recognized for leadership and a commitment to excellence. The book, *Schools that Learn*, chronicles Kentwood Public Schools and other cutting edge school systems around the country which are beating the odds and

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providing outstanding educational opportunities in diverse and cosmopolitan communities. Governor Snyder wants Michigan to be a state where every citizen has the opportunity to live, learn, and earn. Kentwood schools are prepared for these changes and will continue to maintain and improve upon the academic excellence that our cosmopolitan community has come to expect.

Elementary Events

94.5 Thunder Country Visits Meadowlawn Elementary

Flounder and Paul from the 94.5 Thunder Country "Wake-Up Show" visited Mr. Sundstrom's 4th grade class during the 1st week back to school!

As part of the "Thunder Thursday Pledge", the class was recorded reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and can be heard on the broadcast on October 20 at 7:30AM; or visit the link at <http://www.thunder945.com/article.asp?id=2281243> on or after October 20.



In the words of one of the fourth graders: "We did it on the first try!"

Streams of Hope Partners with Townline

Thank you to Streams of Hope, Townline Elementary's non-profit organization partner, who provided families and community members a wonderful back-to-school picnic on August 17, 2011 at student registration.



Please watch for the Food Pantry coming soon at Streams of Home located at 280 60th St!



BRIGHT BEGINNINGS PARENTS AS TEACHERS PROGRAM

Are you interested in...

- Preparing your child for academic and lifelong success?
- Meeting families with the same age children?
- Learning more about your child's development?
- Joining age appropriate playgroups?

Bright Beginnings *Parents as Teachers (PAT)* is a parent education and family support program that begins prenatally and extends to age 5. Parents as Teachers believes that all parents are their children's best first teachers.

The *Parents As Teachers* program includes the following services: personal visits, parent informational meetings, playgroups, developmental screening, and a resource network. You choose the level of involvement that will best meet your needs. PAT is available to **ALL** families with children birth to five years old. This program is offered through the school district, so there is no cost to you!

Staci Zuspann and Carrie Hovanec are the Parent Educators for the Kentwood Schools. They welcome calls if you have questions or wish to become involved in the program. PAT believes children are born to learn. Research shows that early childhood education has a positive impact on school success!

Playgroups start in **September** and are a great way to meet other parents and do activities with your children that promote development. We have moved to a new school! Our playgroups are held at **Hamilton Elementary** which is located at 3303 Breton Rd. If you are interested in coming to playgroups or learning more about Bright Beginnings, contact Staci or Carrie at the following numbers:

Staci Zuspann-890-1710
Carrie Hovanec-318-8862

Mentors Needed

The KentwoodCares Mentoring Program is in need of caring adults to spend thirty minutes a week helping to influence a middle school student on a one-to-one basis in positive ways. Mentoring impacts students socially, emotionally, and academically creating safer, healthier, and more productive citizens. Please consider becoming a mentor or referring someone you know to the program. For information contact Robert Hurd at 455-1200 ext 32275 or robert.hurd@kentwoodps.org.



"Stuff The Bus" Event

CRESTWOOD'S NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY paired up with EAST KENTWOOD'S HONOR SOCIETY to help needy middle schoolers from around the Kent County area.

Over 60 Kentwood students gave up some of their last hours of summer vacation to help those in need by volunteering to "STUFF" backpacks with school supplies donated from area businesses. WLAV and Mr. Russell Hines, a Kentwood parent, asked Mrs. Mary Molyneux and Dr. Scott Palczewski to help by gathering students and bussing them to AMWAY CORP for this "STUFF THE BUS" event. The students filled over 500 backpacks in record time! Mr. Joe Roper and Mr. Joe Westra also helped by chaperoning this event.



Sisters Alexis and Claire Kaczanowski help to "Stuff The Bus" this summer.

Substitute Teacher Sign-Up

If you are interested in substitute teaching for Kentwood Public Schools and did not sub in the 2010-2011 school year, please plan to attend one of the following meetings:

Tuesday, October 11 at 6:00 pm
Thursday, November 3 at 6:00 pm

You must bring with you:

- Teacher Certificate or Transcripts showing 90 credit hours
- Driver's License with one of the following: Birth Certificate, Passport, or Social Security Card
- Fingerprint information: Your fingerprint results must be current as of 1/1/2006. If your print results are on file with another district or college, please have them e-mailed to Pauline.storm@kentwoodps.org before the meeting. If you need to have your fingerprints done, you can do this through the Kentwood Police Department, 4742 Walma, Kentwood, MI 49512. Please pick up a fingerprint application form at the Kentwood Administration Office, 5820 Eastern Avenue SE, Kentwood, MI 49508, Monday-Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

Outstanding Campers at Calvin College Music Camp

Aubrianna Schultz and Ciboney Woods were named Outstanding Campers at the Calvin College Knollcrest Music Camp this summer. Both were awarded full camp scholarships to the 2012 Knollcrest Music Camp. Ciboney and Aubrianna are members of the 8th grade band at Pinewood Middle School.



East Kentwood Falcons Tackle Heart Disease

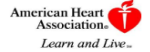
Kentwood, MI – Friday night football will take on a different meaning for the Falcons of East Kentwood as they face the Panthers of West Ottawa on October 14 at 7:00 pm. The East Kentwood Varsity Football team will “tackle heart disease” during the West Ottawa game to bring an awareness about heart disease, honor local survivors of heart disease, and remember those community members who are no longer with us due to heart disease. “We have a long history of the community being very involved, supportive, committed, and dedicated to the student athletes, so when the opportunity arose to do something for the Kentwood community, we jumped at the chance,” stated East Kentwood Athletic Director Blaine Brumels.

Over the next month, Kentwood Public Schools will be selling “Tackle Heart Disease” T-shirts in an effort to raise funds for The American Heart Association. Students, staff, and community members are encouraged to purchase and wear the T-shirts to school, work, and the game to raise awareness of heart disease. Additionally, the East Kentwood Varsity Football players will be wearing red American Heart Association jerseys in honor of survivors and in memory of loved ones who have passed. “This is a cause in which we can all be on the same team. We hope to see the bleachers filled with people making a difference by wearing red shirts and cheering for their respective team!” stated Brumels.

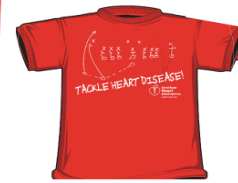
If you would like more information on how you can get involved and/or sponsor a jersey in the name of a loved one, please contact Blaine Brumels, Athletic Director at EK (616) 698-7532 or Sheri Liddle at sheri.liddle@heart.org or (616) 560-8049.



East Kentwood is teaming up with the American Heart Association For the Tackle heart disease Project.



Help The Falcons Tackle Hearts!



East Kentwood vs. West Ottawa

For only \$12, you can join your school and support a great cause. All proceeds of the East Kentwood Tackle Heart Disease game will benefit the American Heart Association.

\$12

Area Businesses Provide Shoes for Families at “In the Image” Center



Families waited in line for their turn to receive NEW shoes for their children.



Loveshon Banks serves as a volunteer.



In the Image Executive Director Jay Starkey with Carlos Luevano who volunteered with his mom at the event.



Dr Shirley Johnson talks with a Mom and her family who received shoes.



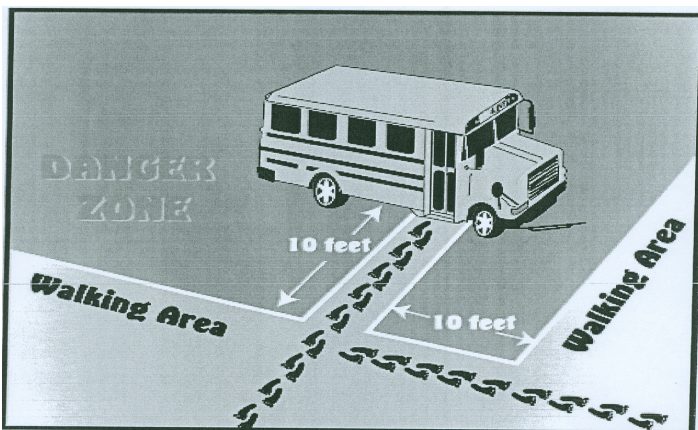
October is Bus Safety Awareness Month

School Buses are Like Traffic Signals



School Bus Danger Zone

The most dangerous part of the school bus ride is getting on and off the school bus. Pedestrian fatalities account for approximately three times as many school bus-related fatalities, when compared to school bus occupant fatalities. The loading and unloading area is called the "Danger Zone."



The "Danger Zone" is the area on all sides of the bus where children are in the most danger of not being seen by the driver:

- Ten feet in front of the bus where the driver may be too high to see a child
- Ten feet on either side of the bus where a child may be in the driver's blind spot
- The area behind the school bus

Bus Safety Rules

Waiting for the bus:

- Arrive at the bus stop five minutes early!!
- Stay a safe distance from the roadway
- No pushing or horseplay
- Stay away from the Danger Zones and do NOT approach the bus until it comes to a complete stop and the driver opens the door
- When the bus arrives, stay away from the wheels

While on the bus:

- Observe same conduct as in classroom
- Be courteous, use no profane language
- Do not eat or drink on the bus
- Help to keep the bus clean
- Cooperate with the driver
- Do not smoke or be destructive
- Stay in your seat
- Keep head, hands, and feet inside the bus
- Know that the bus driver is authorized to assign seats

Crossing in front of the bus:

- Walk ten feet in front of the bus
- Look at driver; driver will give cross signal when it is clear
- Stop at the edge of the bus and look both ways. If it is clear, continue to cross the street



School bus safety is a team effort between parents, students, bus drivers, and other school personnel. Review bus safety with your children regularly.

Board of Education Meeting Schedule

2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR

The meetings of the Kentwood Board of Education will be held at **6:30 p.m.** in the Board Room at the Administration Offices, 5820 Eastern Avenue, S.E. unless otherwise noted (Phone 455-4400) on the following dates:

Monday, October 10, 2011
Monday, October 24, 2011
Monday, November 14, 2011
Monday, November 28, 2011
Monday, December 12, 2011
Monday, January 9, 2012
Monday, January 23, 2012
Monday, February 13, 2012
Monday, February 27, 2012
Monday, March 12, 2012
Monday, March 26, 2012
Monday, April 16, 2012 (third Monday)
Monday, May 14, 2012
Monday, June 11, 2012



Note: Official minutes of the Board of Education meetings are available no later than five business days following Board approval and during business hours at the Administration Offices - 5820 Eastern Ave. S.E.

DRIVER EDUCATION - SEGMENT 2

Driver Education Segment 2 application forms are now available in the East Kentwood Freshman Campus/East Kentwood High School offices.



To be eligible for Segment 2, students must have logged 30 hours (two of which were at night) of behind the wheel driving with parent/guardian. Students who did not complete Segment 1 through the East Kentwood Driver Training Program will be charged a fee of **\$50.00**. Checks payable to Kentwood Public Schools.

The following sessions will be offered for Driver Education Training Segment 2:

SESSION 1 - November 7, 8, 10, 2011
SESSION 2 - January 30, 31, February 2, 2012
SESSION 3 - April 16, 17, 19, 2012

All sessions will be held in the East Kentwood Freshman Campus Cafeteria on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Please bring driving log book and a #2 pencil. Applications are due to East Kentwood Freshman Campus BY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2011. Any questions please call Kim Videan at 871-1033.

Spotlight on Senior Issues



The Source for Seniors

IT'S MORE THAN JUST A MEAL

*Home Delivered Meals Help Older Adults
Remain Independent*

Home delivered meals are a necessity for many older adults in our community. It's a service that helps them remain independent and avoid nursing home placement, but it is more than just a meal.



Meal delivery drivers may be the only contact a home bound client has with others. Drivers often develop friendships with their "regulars" and in many instances have found seniors unresponsive or injured after a fall. These dedicated volunteers are delivering more than just a meal; they are a lifeline for isolated older adults.

It starts with a meal

Home delivered meals are often the first call a family will make for services. Because each new client receives an assessment within fourteen days of starting services, other needs are often identified. In Kent County, the Senior Meals Program staff goes into an older adult's home to make sure they have a working refrigerator and microwave. They also assess the senior's ability to take care of other daily living activities such as bathing, dressing, and house-keeping.

What's in a meal?

All home delivered meal menus (for programs funded by AAAMW) are approved by a Registered Dietician before they are served. Each meal must meet strict guidelines in relation to vitamin A, vitamin C, and sodium and must provide one-third of the Recommended Dietary Allowance (RDA) for an adult male. Meals are prepared fresh and are delivered and put into the refrigerator or freezer in the client's home. They are then heated up by the older adult. Drivers often help open the package or heat up the meal if the older adult needs more help.

Who Qualifies?

An individual must be age 60 or over or the spouse of someone age 60 or over. They must be homebound (meaning they do not leave the home under normal circumstances).

For more information on senior nutrition or other programs for older adults in Allegan, Ionia, Kent, Lake, Mason, Mecosta, Montcalm, Newaygo or Osceola counties, contact Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan at (616) 456-5664, www.aaawm.org or www.facebook.com/AreaAgencyOnAging. For more information on the Senior Meals Program, contact (616) 459-3111 or visit www.seniormealsonwheels.org.

Class of 2012 – This year is all about change!!
 One thing that stays the same:

Senior All-Night Party!!

When: Thursday, May 24, 2012 Time: 10 pm – 4 am Where: East Kentwood High School
 What: Friends, Food, Fun (games, prizes, sports)
 Cost: \$45.00* before December 31 and be entered in the \$100.00 cash drawing. After 12/31 – fee is \$50.
 Registration forms available at switchboard.

* If cost is a financial hardship for the family, please contact Assist Principal Rick Smith.



Kentwood Community Education

Crossroads Alternative High School

28—60th Street, Grand Rapids 261-6166
 Director: Mr. Brian O'Hara



On Friday, September 9, 2011, Crossroads Alternative High School had the opportunity to have a guest speaker, Mr. Greg Carrolle, come in and share his experience from September 11, 2001. Greg Carrolle was in a building next to the Pentagon during the attack. He and his squad rushed over and tried to help people, but sadly, there was nothing but rubble. After he shared his story with the class, they went out to plant three flowers to pay tribute to the 3,000 people who died. September 11, 2011, was the tenth anniversary of the most tragic event in our country's history.

Tray Chandler, Crossroads Alternative HS Student



LEISURE CLASSES

Registration for leisure classes is underway. Payment **MUST** accompany registration. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Mail-in registrations will be accepted but must specify class, time, and daytime phone number where you can be reached. **Please make checks payable to Kentwood Public Schools.** Mailed checks must have your driver's license number and birth date on them. Location for registration is Kentwood Community Education, 28 – 60th St. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49548. Cash payments made at the office must be in the **exact amount**. For more information call 261-6166. **ANY RE-FUND REQUESTS MUST BE PROCESSED BEFORE THE SECOND CLASS MEETING.** WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO CANCEL OR CHANGE CLASSES.

<u>DAY</u>	<u>BUILDING</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>STARTS</u>	<u>WEEKS</u>	<u>COST</u>
Monday					
Yoga	Valleywood	7:00-8:00 pm	09/19/11	8	\$45.00
Tuesday					
Basic Computer Skills	K. Community Ed	6:00-7:15 pm	09/20/11	6	\$85.00
Couponing 101	K. Community Ed	6:00-7:30 pm	10/18/11	1 st Session	\$40.00
Couponing 101	K. Community Ed	6:00-7:30 pm	10/25/11	2 nd Session	must attend 1 st session
New Expression Dance-Twirl	K. Community Ed	6:00-8:00 pm	09/20/11	13	\$5.00 a week **
Pilates	Valleywood	6:30-7:30 pm	09/20/11	8	\$45.00
Wednesday					
Self Defense	K. Community Ed	5:30-8:00 pm	09/21/11	15	\$7.00 per class
* Non refundable registration fee of \$7.00 also					
** Batons are available for purchase for \$18					
Thursday					
Voice Over Class	K. Community Ed	7:00-9:00 pm	10/06/11	1 Day	\$30.00
Zumba	Champion Fitness	6:00-7:00 pm	09/22/11	8	\$45.00

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Kentwood AYSO 20th Anniversary
REGISTER NOW FOR SPRING 2012 SEASON

Early Bird Registration at the Pat Patterson Soccer Complex behind Crestwood Middle School on 44th Street
Saturdays, October 15 and 22, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

LOOK FOR YOUR PRE-PRINTED FORMS FROM YOUR COACHES

Regular Registration at Ascension Lutheran Church
2627 44th Street SE, Kentwood

Thursday, November 10, 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Registration closes January 15, 2012

A waiting list will be established on January 15, 2012

For more info: www.kentwoodayso.org



Early Childhood and School Age Child Care

3303 Breton Road SE, Kentwood 49512 (616) 493-5693

Director: Lori Eaton

School-Age Childcare

School-Age Childcare is for children kindergarten through 5th grade. Before school childcare is available in Kentwood Public School elementary buildings pending adequate enrollment. Childcare is available from 6:30 a.m. until school begins. Enrollment for after school childcare at Challenger, Discovery, Endeavor, and Explorer is available from after school till 6:00 p.m. For more information please call the Early Childhood Office at 493-5693.

Full day childcare is available daily at Endeavor Elementary for 3-5 year olds pending adequate enrollment. **(Children must be fully potty trained; no pull-ups allowed)**. All sites are licensed by the State of Michigan and approved to receive FIA reimbursement for those who qualify.

A deposit of \$40 per family is required at the time of enrollment and covers your family for one school year. Deposits are NON-REFUNDABLE! No cash is accepted. Parents will pre-pay for childcare on a weekly basis.

Fees:	1 st Child	2 nd Child
6:30 a.m. until school starts	\$ 7.50	\$ 6.00
½ day care (less than 6 hours)	\$21.00	\$16.50
Full day (6 hours or more)	\$26.00	\$20.50
After school until 6:00 p.m.	\$ 7.50	\$ 6.00

STILL ENROLLING FOR 3 AND 4 YEAR OLD PRESCHOOLERS. CONTACT 493-5693 FOR REGISTRATION.