

# KENTWOOD SCHOOL NEWS

## **Kentwood Public Schools**

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#### East Kentwood Principal John Keenoy Retires After 25 Years in District



John Keenoy, was hired by Kentwood Public Schools in 1991. He has diligently served in multiple teaching, coaching and principal positions throughout the district over the past 25 years.

"I've been with many of these students from the beginning of their educational journey - from tying their shoes back in kindergarten to handing them their diploma on graduation day," Keenoy said. "I've been truly blessed to serve the students and families of the Kentwood community."

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In each of the positions that John held, he regularly took on overload assignments including lunchtime intramurals, Safety Advisor, co-coordinator of the Student Council, Fitness Supervisor, Weight Room monitor and was a Summer School Principal for both elementary and middle schools. John also had several coaching positions for the football and wrestling programs.

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"Mr. Keenoy is one of the best leaders I've ever known," said former student Matthew Franklin Jr. "He has shaped thousands of lives for the better within the Kentwood School district."

As he reflects on his career, Keenoy expressed how rare the gift of being an educator in Kentwood truly is and noted his gratification in being involved in such an amazing place. As the proud father of two East Kentwood graduates, KPS has touched many facets of his journey. John credits an endless number of people who have shaped and inspired him over the years to become the educator he is today.

"Kentwood Public Schools will always hold a very special place in my heart. Thank you all for being part of my journey." - Principal John Keenoy

"I will be forever grateful for being a part of the Kentwood family and for the ongoing support," Keenoy said. "Kentwood Public Schools will always hold a very special place in my heart. Thank you all for being part of my journey."



#### **Unanimous Board Approval for Incoming EK Principal Bakri**

The Kentwood Public Schools Board of Education unanimously approved Omar Bakri as the next Principal of East Kentwood High School beginning on July 1, 2016.

The selection of Omar Bakri grew out of a national, state, and local search. For the past 11 years, Mr. Bakri has been a leader within Kentwood Public Schools. He has served as a teacher and coach at EKFC, an Assistant Principal at East Kentwood and the Principal of Crestwood Middle School.



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"Kentwood students and our community deserve a leader who values excellence in education, diversity, and embraces the positive culture that has been established at East Kentwood," Board President Mimi Madden said. "We are confident and excited that we have found the next leader of East Kentwood High School in Omar Bakri."

As a result of John Keenoy's retirement announcement in February, the Board of Education and district leadership worked diligently to establish a plan of action for the future of KPS. The district received applicants from as far away as New Hampshire and as close as Kentwood. From a process of selection that included multiple internal and external stakeholders, two candidates were selected for final review. Omar Bakri was chosen.

When asked about working within the district over the years, Omar stated, "I'm extremely proud of the many roles I have held within Kentwood Public Schools. I'm eager to continue my career as Principal of East Kentwood. Go Falcons!"

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#### March is Reading Month

**Challenger** invited "Mystery Readers" to visit and read to students each day. Students waited eagerly to see who would surprise them and to see what story they would get to enjoy.





Classes were visited by parents, teachers, firemen, police officers, Miss Greater Grand Rapids, Griff from the GR Griffins, Rachel Ruiz and Leon Hendrix from Wood TV News, Superintendent Michael Zoerhoff, and other central office staff leaders.

After listening to the stories, the students were able to ask the visitors questions about their profession and what steps they needed to take in order to obtain those jobs.





**Meadowlawn** third graders were visited by State Representative Ken Yonker during the month of March. He spent time with each class reading the book, *Grace for President*. He then spoke to students about having a dream and working hard to make it happen.

Kentwood's Board President Mimi Madden read to Townline 1st and 3rd graders.



#### Southwood's Garden Club

The Kentwood Garden Club sponsored an art contest at Southwood. Students were challenged to use recyclables to

create a sculpture. The sculptures were judged on creativity and use of materials. The first place winners were Kailynn Sotelo and Aubrianna Wielinga. Second place went to Jaymee Cole and third place to Austin



Tromp. Honorable mentions were earned by DeQuavion Greer and Cristina Lopez. Congratulations to the students and "thank you" Kentwood Garden Club.

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"East Kentwood has a talented teaching staff and I am confident that we found a talented leader to continue our tradition of excellence." ~Supt. Michael Zoerhoff

"I would like to thank all the committee members for their hard work and commitment during this process," Superintendent Zoerhoff said. "As we considered this critical decision for the future of KPS, it is clear that our process was successful. We are in a very good place moving forward with Principal Bakri."

#### A Decade of Discovery

It's hard to believe ten years have passed since Discovery's first classes filled the halls in 2006!! On March 15, Discovery celebrated its tenth anniversary with students, parents, and staff.





A commemorative open house for former staff and students was held after school with an opportunity to sign a specially created banner. We look forward to discovering what the next decade may bring.

# Parent Notice Regarding Within District Transfers

To better serve Kentwood Public School families in an efficient manner, district procedures have changed for parents who are requesting a change in their child's school placement for the 2016-17 school year.

Please be advised of the following process to ensure your request is given consideration:

- Parents should pick up and return Within District Transfer (WDT) forms at your student(s) home building.
- 2. Parents who submit their WDT forms by May 26, 2016, will be notified in June when school has ended.
- 3. If a WDT form is submitted **AFTER** May 26, 2016, then parents will be notified whether their application was approved or disapproved **AFTER** registration is held in August 2016.
- 4. Parents may continue to submit WDT request forms during the summer months at the Kentwood Public Schools Administration building on 5820 Eastern Avenue, Kentwood, Michigan.
- 5. Parents with questions or concerns may contact the Student Services Office 455-4400, ext. 79927 for further assistance.

#### Business Professionals of American State Leadership Conference (BPA)

Eleven EK students competed and three will continue on to the national leadership conference held in Boston in May. Students that placed and were recognized on stage were: Eldin Ekic - 2nd place - PC Servicing & Troubleshooting, Systems Administration using Cosco, Tucker Conn - 4th place - Visual Basic/C# Programming, Karl Stout - 5th place - Visual Basic/C#Programming, Gabe Younker - 6th place - C++ Programming and Na'ol Kebede - 6th place - Java Programming. Thank you to the advisors Bill Dixon, Justin Michalowski, and Kimberley Rohr for their leadership.

Good luck to Eldin, Tucker, and Karl as they continue on to Nationals.





# Points Of Pride



**Derek Braman** (Explorer), **Amy Weatherford** (Explorer), and **Tim Hargis** (Academic Support Coach) presented at the Michigan Readers Association Conference (MRA).

Amy and Mollie Walsh spoke on "Information Investigators", an exciting and engaging process that allows students to examine a variety of materials using higher-level thinking skills to answer essential questions based on science and social studies standards in a collaborative environment. They also



presented a session on "Publishing S.Q.U.A.D.s." which provides students with a simple and effective format for conducting peer writing conferences. Students work in groups of four to read, analyze, and discuss a student's piece of writing.

Derek presented about giving students a voice through student blogging. He was able to highlight the work of KPS students through his presentation called "How Can Student Blogging Make Your Students Super Heros?"

Tim is an annual presenter and celebrity at the conference. He presented a session called "Writing Diner 2: Active Thinking for All Types of Writers."

Congratulations to the EK Freshman Campus for establishing a partnership with the GR-based Mill Steel Co. and D.A. Blodgett. They have created a new workplacementoring program called "Bigs in Business." This pilot program, which is also part of the Big Brothers-Big Sisters Program, will transport students to the corporate office to have one-on-one time with their assigned Mill Steel employee—aka their "big."

Kameron Olsen, former EK and Olivet College wrestling



standout, was recently nominated to attend the US Marine Corps Officer Candidate school. He was rated as the top candidate in the Midwest for admission to this program. Kam graduated 2nd Lieutenant which is a huge accomplishment for such a young man.

**Sherman Mowery**, 2014 grad, returned to the Dells Ducks, US Premiere Junior Hockey League this season. On March 11, the Dells Ducks won a National Championship. Sherman was named by the USPHL as the league's Star Forward for the week of Nationals. On December 18, he became one of only 15 players in the USPHL to log 7 points in a single game.

#### Congratulations to the student/athletes that will be competing in their respective sports at the college

level. These athletes were recognized on March 3 at the Sports Banquet. As spring sports begin, we know there will be more athletes that sign to compete at that next level.

Giuseppe Barone – Soccer – Michigan State University
Dzenis Begovic – Soccer – Davenport University
Isaiah Blackwell – Football – Northland Community College
Jamari Booker – Football – Valparaiso University



Sekayi Bracey - Track and Field - Purdue University Francesco Calabrese – Soccer – Aquinas College Willie Cannon - Football - Northland Community College Logan Culver - Soccer - Mercer University Marlon Dorsey - Football - Davenport University Trenton Fincher – Football – San Diego State Lydia Franks – Soccer – Michigan State University Abigail Highway – Softball – Ferris State University Kayleigh Hulst - Volleyball - University of Northwestern Ohio Mackenzie Keenoy - Golf - University of Findley Angelo Leon - Cross Country - Aquinas College Hannah Mowery - Volleyball - Albion College Kulah Parker – Football – Northland Community College Bret Patton – Football – Carthage College Kendall Quinn - Soccer - IPFW Darla Romero - Soccer - Aquinas College Yahia Said - Soccer - Muskegon Community College Gabrielle Saum - Cheerleading - Alma College Haley Smith - Soccer - Illinois Wesleyan University Devon Stayton – Swimming/Diving – Olivet College

#### EK Students Perform With The Symphony

Select EK students performed with the GR Symphony through the Mosaic Scholars Program for the 15-16 school year. Mosaic Scholarships are designed to provide talented

African-American and Hispanic instrumental students in the GR area with the opportunity to develop their musical skills and to

immerse them in the world of classical music.





Mosaic Scholars from EK are Demeatrice Webster, senior-tuba, Courtney Merritt, jun-

ior-alto saxophone, Kelly Hernandez, junior-flute, and

Tyeler Garrett, junior-trumpet. These students have been studying privately with professional musicians from the GR Symphony. Mosaic Scholars perform with the Symphony at the annual Symphony with Soul concert at DeVos Hall in downtown Grand Rapids.





# Varsity Debate Team ranked 5th in the Country

Over the midwinter break, the EK Debate Team of Abbie Booker and Michael Obuchi were one of 14 teams in the country invited to the "Californiabound Robin Tournament" where they finished in second place. Both students earned speaking honors. Then they

competed at the California Berkeley debate tournament with over 210 varsity teams. Abbie and Michael both earned top speaking awards and they won every elimination round, capturing the championship title!

#### Oh The Places We are Going!

EK's sign language class had a reading of Dr. Seuss' ABC book—in sign language. The class had been working diligently to use their sign language ability as a vehicle for many of them to learn to read. To celebrate their on-going achievements, Ms. Franks' and Ms. Ghoston's classes read Dr. Seuss' ABC book to Ms. Grabill's students at Challenger. Attendees even got a chance to learn some sign language.

#### Discovery and Explorer Students Visit Davenport

Approximately 160 5th grade students from Discovery and Explorer visited Davenport University for a tour where they observed STEM learning.

Students learned about Fibonacci numbers and the Golden Sequence along with cryptography, physical therapy, and painting with pipettes (a lab tool used to transport liquids).



#### **Special Swim Class**

Approximately 15 ELL students are gaining confidence through an intro to swimming class taught by Janice Grabowski. Each student has limited experience in the water and their own real fears and every day they battle to overcome them. These students are an inspiration to the adult ladies aquatic exercise class that has watched and been impressed by their progress.

#### **Grant Winner through Donors Choose**

EK Science teacher Shelby Erskin applied to "Donors Choose"

to get additional funding to purchase some expensive probes for her AP chemistry, college prep, and regular chemistry classes. Elsa Brule funded all the projects in Michigan. Ms. Erskin received the new pH probes and will begin using them in



#### **Elementary Summer School Information**

The goal of the 2016 Summer School is to provide academic programs for extended learning time to increase student achievement in English/Language Arts and Mathematics for current **Kindergarten through 5th grade** students. Parents will be contacted by your child's teacher and/or building Principal if your student is recommended for Summer School.

If you have questions or concerns regarding the ARCH Program, please contact Lori Eaton at 616-493-5696 ext-75580 or email lori.eaton@kentwoodps.org.

Dates: June 20 - August 4, 2016

Week of July 5-9, 2016 NO SUMMER SCHOOL

Days: Monday-Thursday - NO Friday Summer School

8:45 am - Breakfast

9:00 am to 12:00 pm - Academics

12:00 - 12:30 pm - Lunch

#### KENTWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS PHYSICAL EXAM NIGHT

MONDAY, JUNE 6, 2016

5:30-8:00

All athletes grades 7-12 are invited

A-M 5:30 - 6:45 pm N-Z 6:45 - 8:00 pm

## EAST KENTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL DOOR E Behind the building—Music Wing

The Michigan High School Athletic Association requires that all students participating in athletics grades 7-12 have a physical on record with the school. The physical must have been administered after April 15 for the following year.

#### ITEMS TO BE TURNED IN AT PHYSICAL NIGHT:

- Physical & info card completed by parent & athlete
- The physical card may be picked up in advance for parents to complete and sign the forms prior to the doctor's physical. Cards are available at all three middle schools, the freshman campus, and the high school athletic office.
- The completed physical card (except for the doctor's portion) must be brought to the Physical Night with \$20.00 for the physical. (Make checks payable to East Kentwood Athletic Department)

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#### Rotary Students of the Month

**Michael Obuchi** - I am an active member of the debate team and a student officer of the National Honor Society. A good leader is someone who is willing to put others above themselves and go the extra mile to make sure that everyone around them is doing well. I see myself as a good leader because I like to motivate people and push them to their best

ability. I hope to go to law school and study either corporate law or civil rights law and become a lobbyist for under-represented special interest groups.

**Kathleen Le** - I love doing anything science or math related. My biology teacher has drawn me to love microbiology and depicting DNA sequence. I will study to become a genetic counselor or anything related to biochemis-



try. I spend my pastime running or working out and doing art. I think I'm pretty good at graphic design as my posters are usually used to promote the school's musicals. I think a leader guides people to do what can benefit the community or others. I volunteer under the National Honor Society, the National Art Honor Society, and I tutor people.

#### Alternative Spring Break Activities

Several Crestwood students decided to bypass their normal

spring break activities and attended the Alternative Spring Break experience with the Kent ISD. The students had the opportunity to visit area companies to learn what they do and to speak with professionals in various fields about their careers. They also visited area educational institutions to begin planning their educational future.



Thank you to Nancy McKenzie (STEM Coordinator) and Erika Vann (ELA Teacher) for putting this together.

Crestwood ROCKS even during spring break!

#### Odyssey of the Mind

Congratulations to both Discovery teams who competed at the state tournament. Odyssey of the Mind team #37006—



Sparkle-tastic, won first place and is headed to the World Finals in May.

The team would like to thank all of Kentwood for the opportunity to represent our district and would greatly appreciate any and all support as they prepare to gather the necessary resources to go to the World Finals.

#### A Special Event for a Special Student

You may have seen many "Youtube" videos about special needs students scoring baskets in a game. On Wednesday, March 16, a Valleywood student scored the final basket in a game against Hudsonville. This was a double team effort and it will be a special



memory for the student. Congrats to Hudsonville and Valleywood for showing the true meaning of athletics.

#### **EK Robotics**

Before spring break, EK held the FIRST robotics competition at the high school. EK's team was recognized with the "Judges' Award" for their integrated sub-teams and organization. Good luck as they move on to the Woodhaven High School Tournament.



2016 Kentwood Sports Camps Register By <u>Grade</u> In Fall 2016 Boys Basketball					
	When	Place	Grade	Time	Cost
See Courthouse website for skills, leagues and Basketball opportunities <a href="http://leagues.bluesombrero.com/Default.aspx?tabid=736641">http://leagues.bluesombrero.com/Default.aspx?tabid=736641</a> <a href="http://leaguesombrero.com/Default.aspx?tabid=736641">http://leaguesombrero.com/Default.aspx?tabid=736641</a> <a href="http://leaguesombrero.com/Default.aspx?tabid=736641">http://leaguesombrero.com/Default.aspx?tabid=736641</a> <a href="http://leaguesombrero.com/Default.aspx?tabid=736641">http://leaguesombrero.com/Default.aspx?tabid=736641</a> <a href="http://leaguesombrero.com/Default.aspx?tabid=736641">http://leaguesombrero.com/Default.aspx?tabid=736641</a> <a href="http://leaguesombrero.com/Default.aspx?tabid=736641">http://leaguesombrero.com/Default.aspx?tabid=736641</a> <a href="http://leaguesombrero.com/Default.aspx.tabid=736641">http://leaguesombrero.</a>					
200	June 13 - 16	EKHS Field House	3, 4, 5, 6	10:30 am – 12:00 pm	\$30
1100	June 21, 22, 23	Room 99 of 10-12 Building	Bowling 9 <sup>th</sup> and 10 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am - 12:00 pm	\$25
300	June 14-16	Triple Field next to Ice Aren		6:00 pm – 8:30 pm	\$20
Register before June 1 and receive a t-shirt. <b>Gymnastics — Tumbling (limit 10 per session)</b>					
400	June 20 - 23	EKFC Aux. Gym	K, 1, 2	1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	\$30
401	June 20 - 23	EKFC Aux. Gym	K, 1, 2	2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	\$30
402	June 20 - 23	EKFC Aux. Gym	3, 4, 5 ole Vaulting	3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	\$30
500	July 12	Aquinas College	7 <sup>th</sup> thru 12 <sup>th</sup>	2:00 pm - 5:00 pm	
	July 13	Aguinas College	7 <sup>th</sup> thru 12 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am - 2:00 pm	
Cost: \$55.00 for Kentwood students, \$120.00 for non-Kentwood students, this is a two day camp. <u>Co-ed Soccer</u>					
600	August 1 - 5	EKHS Field House	K thru 5 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am - 10:30 am	\$65
701	June 13 - 30 (Mon Thur.)	EKHS Tennis Courts Intermed		<sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm	\$90
900	June 13 - 16	EKHS West Wing Gym	<b>Volleyball</b> 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	8:30 am - 10:00 am	\$55
901	June 13 - 16	EKHS West Wing Gym	8, 9 Wrestling	10:15 am - 12:15 pm	\$55
1000	•	estling Room - 1000 Rep Club ** Will not meet July information, contact the high sc	6 <sup>th</sup> thru 12 <sup>th</sup> 3 – July 10	M-W-F 10:30 am – Noon T-Thur 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm	\$55

#### Meadowlawn's Tech Club

Students in 4th and 5th grades were given the opportunity to join a "Tech Club" this school year. Twenty-two students have spent each Thursday after school learning about technology. They have worked on computer coding, blogging, research, and robot building. Their tech club teacher, Mrs. Walbeck received a grant from the Kentwood Education Foundation to purchase four Lego Robot Kits. The students have been working hard building their robots and will soon spend time learning how to program them. The students love spending time with their tech club friends. A special thanks to Mr. Caminiti for helping each week.





#### Reading Camp at Brookwood

When we can't take students to camp, Brookwood brings camp to the students. The library was transformed into a campground and students were given flashlights



to navigate through tents and tepees, a virtual campfire, fireflies, and sleeping bags as crickets echoed and stars illuminated the night sky. Students roasted s'mores on a live fire.

Thanks to Jenna Williams, Kelley VanVliet and Carmelita Young for creating this reading experience for the students.

#### Challenger's Wax Museum



Challenger fourth graders hosted a Wax Museum of famous people during March. Stu-

dents researched and read about a famous person, then wrote a speech telling about the person. Students also created a trifold board about their famous person and dressed the part for their presentation.

There was a lot of learning happening during the time of researching and presenting.





# How to Know When you Need 24 Hour Care

When most people hear from their doctor or a loved one that they need 24 hour care, they think their only option is to move into a nursing home or an assisted living facility, but that may not be necessary and may not be affordable for everyone. The phrase "24 hour care" can mean different things in each individual circumstance and may be used without really trying to understand the core issues, concerns, or understand whether or not the individual desires to remain in their own home. If this comment comes from a physician or family member it's best to ask more questions to determine what their main points are and see if there may be other ways to address them. Below are five common concerns and some options to address each one without going into a facility.

#### 1. "She's going to fall" or "I'm concerned about my safety."

Falls are a common concern when it comes to aging. When we age, our reactions times may slow down and we may not have the strength we once did, but falls are NOT a natural part of aging. A **Matter of Balance class** addresses a fear of falling, teaches useful skills like how to get up after a fall, and ways to remove fall hazards from your home. A second option is to use a "call button," which provides assistance in an emergency. Another option is to make some minor modifications to the home such as adding grab bars or installing raised toilet seats.

#### 2. "He can't even cook, how's he going to eat?"

Some adults find it difficult to prepare meals as they age. A home delivered meal can remove that issue completely. **Home delivered meals** are prepared using strict dietary guidelines and then are delivered right to the doorstep.

#### 3. "I can't get in and out of the shower by myself anymore"

It's not uncommon for some individuals to have difficulty performing a number of "activities of daily living" as they age. If this problem exists, they can choose to have an aide come in to their home to help. This is often referred to as **Personal Care** and there are a number of agencies that offer these services.

### 4. "Those medications are so confusing and she's taking the wrong ones at the wrong time."

Some people struggle with keeping multiple prescriptions straight and may confuse the timing and dosing of their medications, which could have serious repercussions. Thankfully there is a **medication management** service that includes a nurse and a medication dispenser.

#### 5. "He's never been great at housework, but the place is more of a mess than before."

The ability to clean the home or complete housework can become difficult for some adults as they age. No matter what the household task is, there is a service, called **Homemaking**, which can help.

When someone is told that they need 24 hour care, they should always try to find out more what that means so they are best able to address those concerns. We all want to stay safe and there may be ways to do that without entering into a nursing facility or assisted living.

If you have additional questions on any of the services mentioned above or how to stay in your own home while you age, you can always contact Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan at (616) 456-5664 or visit us at www.aaawm.org and check out our Facebook page for regular posts on topics related to aging.



# Crossroads Alternative High Scho



Crossroads students took part in the 4th Annual Career Day. As many of you watched the "Road to the Final Four" on television, Crossroads students experienced what the "Road to their Future" may bring. This event provided them with hands-on experiences and interactions with multiple career-field professionals.

A special thank you to Mr. Lawrence "Dont'a" Young, Crossroads' KSSN CSC, who took charge of the event. The students gained exceptional insight to many positive and promising career paths.

Pictured clockwise from left: Jimel Davis with representatives from the International Cosmetology Academy, a group of students listening intently, student's enjoying a presentation by GRCC.







Crossroads hosted the annual Hoops for Heart Fundraiser! Crossroads students and staff participated in friendly competition and raised money to donate to the American Heart Association.

Thanks to all staff and students who participated and donated to this worthy cause!











Crossroads' Leadership students attended Legislative Day as part of the Michigan Alternative Education Organization's student state leadership team. Students convened at the State of Michigan's Capitol Building for a leadership activity. introduction to the Senate, and a Capitol tour. Following the tour, students met with Karen McPhee, Governor Snyder's Education Advisor, for a question and answer session. The students were asked to think about and formulate questions regarding the Detroit Public School crisis and their top 10 education priorities.

Crossroads' Chess Club, organized by Mr. Ned Andree, WON the Chess Tournament against Northview Alternative High School! Crossroads swept the top four spots! Great work Tigers!!!

1st Place: Tyler Chirco, 2nd Place: Peyton Rabideau, 3rd Place: Jaylon Nathon,

Ш 4th Place: Darren Robinson

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#### Please join us at the 8th annual

\*Our mission is to financially support innovative and challenging learning experiences both in the classroom and on the playing field within the Kentwood Public Schools community.\*



Monday, June 20th, 2016

8:30 am Shotgun Start (cont breakfast) 1:30 pm Shotgun Start (grilled lunch) 6:00 pm dinner Friends, Fun, and Auction \$100—individual golfer w/steak dinner \$25—steak dinner only

For info: Kathleen Johnson 616-698-7532 or Kathleen.johnson@kentwoodps.org. Register on-line at: www.falconcharityclassic.golfreg.com

# NOW REGISTERING FOR PRESCHOOL AND CHILDCARE FOR THE 2016-2017 School Year

Early Childhood Program Office, 3303 Breton Road, (Hamilton Elementary, Door A). 616 - 493-5693 Open Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m., on a first come first serve basis.

#### **Tuition Based - Preschool**

Preschool programs are available for three and four year olds. The preschool programs will be available at Endeavor, Explorer and Hamilton. <u>A \$150.00 NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT</u> (applied to tuition) is required at the time of registration. <u>An activity fee of \$50.00 is also due</u> at time of registration, a separate check is needed for this fee. A packet of information will need to be filled out at time of registration.

<u>3-year old program</u> – children must be three years old on or before September 1, 2016.

4-year old program – children must be four years old on or before September 1, 2016 or December 1, 2016 with signed waiver.

Cost: 3's (2 day) - \$675.00 4's (3 day) - \$975.00 4's (4 day) \$1275.00

<u>FREE</u> - Preschool Readiness Program Run by the Kent Intermediate School District FREE Preschool programs are available for four year olds only. Call 616-447-2409 for more information

#### **SUMMER CHILDCARE**

The summer childcare will be located at Hamilton Early Childhood Center, 3303 Breton Road SE (Door A). Children must have completed Kindergarten to be eligible. Children up through having just completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade are eligible to enroll! Registration will be on a first-come, first-serve basis, limited slots available.

A SCHOOL YEAR <u>enrollment fee of \$60.00 per family</u>, a \$60.00 <u>activity fee per child</u> and <u>your 1<sup>st</sup> weekly payment</u> is due at the time of registration (THE ENROLLMENT FEE AND WEEKLY PAYMENT MAY BE COMBINED ON ONE CHECK, BUT THE ACTIVITY FEE MUST BE ON A SEPARATE CHECK!). All fees are NON-REFUNDABLE!!! The deposit covers your family's enrollment for the summer program in 2016 only. A full day of activities will be planned. The activity fee is per child and covers such items as bus transportation, entrance fees for any trips, special guests and supplies and materials needed for activities for the summer.

All registration forms must be turned in by Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>.

The summer program will run Monday, June 13 – Friday, September 2, 2016

WE WILL BE CLOSED THE ENTIRE WEEK OF JULY 4TH