# Dragon Tales

Principal, Debra McNally
2461 60th St SE  Kentwood, MI  49508

January 9, 2017
871-1080
discovery@kentwoodps.org

## NO SCHOOL Monday, January 16

There will be no school on Monday, January 16, 2017 due to District Meetings.

## We are a Latex-Free Building

## Memo from McNally

You and your family are invited to Discovery Science Night on Thursday, February 16 from 6:00-8:00 PM. There will be non-competitive, hands-on science fun provided by the Grand Valley Regional Math and Science Center. You will also have the opportunity to meet guests and local scientists and learn how science is used in the world today! Many volunteers are needed making this a great opportunity to get involved. Look for the Volunteer Form coming home later this week.

## Reminders to Start the New Year:

- Our voicemail system can take your message 24 hours, 7 days a week. So, please be sure to call when your child will be absent or tardy.
- ***Please make sure that school has your most up to date phone numbers and emergency contacts***. If your child needs you, it is important that we can reach you.
- Breakfast starts at 8:30 AM. Students should not be dropped off prior to that time. If your child does not eat breakfast at school, they may not be dropped off before 8:45 AM.
- All arrangements for changes in transportation home need to be sent in writing to the teacher in the morning or call the school office before 3:00 PM.

## Student Testing in the Spring

The Michigan Department of Education Spring testing window for grades 3-5 is from April 10 through May 26. If possible, please refrain from traveling and/or making appointments during this time:

***3rd Grade Testing:  May 1-May 26***
***4th Grade Testing:  May 1-May 26***
***5th Grade Testing:  April 10-May 5***

## Upcoming Events

- Tues. Jan. 10 – PTC Meeting 7:00 PM
- Mon. Jan. 16 – NO SCHOOL - Inservice
- Fri. Feb. 3 – Father/Daughter Dance 7-9:00 PM
- Tues. Feb. 7 – PTC Meeting 7:00 PM
- Tues. Feb. 14 – REACH Day, ½ day of school & Valentine's Parties 11:15 AM
- Thurs. Feb. 16 – Science Night  6:00-8:00 PM
- Mon. & Tues. Feb. 20 & 21 – NO SCHOOL – Mid-Winter Break
- Wed. **or** Thurs. Feb 22 & 23 – P.E.A.K.S  Parent Program Informational Meetings - 7:00 PM at Discovery

***Discovery  Elementary - A place to discover, develop, and dream. We strive to touch the lives of children in a way that prepares them to take their place as citizens with high academic skills and fine moral character.***

## Kentwood Gifted and Talented P.E.A.K.S.

P.E.A.K.S. (Parents, Educators and Kids = Success) Program is a full-time, self-contained, gifted and talented program for students in grades 3-8 that focuses on the development of STEM Skills, 21st Century Skills, and Service Learning. The program emphasizes rigorous academic instruction and independent student learning. Kentwood's Gifted and Talented Program is tailored for students who are gifted in multiple areas and motivated to learn. For the past 22 years, Kentwood has been proud to have provided for its gifted learners.

**To apply for P.E.A.K.S. Program:**

Parents **must** attend a program information meeting at Discovery Elementary Wednesday, February 22,
**or** Thursday, February 23 at 7:00 PM

Parents **must** ensure the completion of all application processes and forms and return materials to Amanda Barbour at Discovery Elementary by Monday, March 27, 2017.
Note: Application process details will be explained at the informational meetings in February.

## Message from the Kitchen

Please make sure your student's account is in the positive and remember charging is not allowed. You can monitor your student's account on www.mypaymentsplus.com or by calling 1-866-668-5709. Thank you for your cooperation in maintaining your child's account. Contact Julie in the kitchen at 871-1080 ext. 19209 if you have questions.

## Safety in the Parking Lots

We have had some issues in our parking lots before and after school. Please make sure you follow the driving patterns and be mindful of the orange cones. Please take a moment to review the following information:

- Please observe and follow the **one-way traffic** throughout the parking lots.
- There is **no parking or dropping off students** in the bus lanes.
- Please pull up well past Door B and the fire hydrant in the West lot (by the Kindergarten doors) so the sidewalk is accessible to the buses.
- In the East lot off of Sable Ridge, Door H, please stop before the crosswalk. Be mindful of the **orange cones** and do not drive over them.
- Please **drive slowly** throughout the parking lots.
- If you are leaving your vehicle, please park in a designated parking spot and **use the crosswalk**.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our students safe.

## Father Daughter Dance

Attention Discovery Girls: Plan on a night of fun at the Father Daughter Dance! It's on ***Friday, February 3 from 7-9:00 PM.*** Bring Dad, Uncle, Grandpa or any other special male adult. Registration forms were sent home and are available in the office.
**Volunteers are needed!** If you can volunteer, please contact discoveryptc.kps@gmail.com.