TIGER TRACKS

June 2, 2017

Principal's Notes

Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe we only have 8 1/2 days left of school. The staff and I would like to take a moment to extend a sincere 'Thank You' to the many volunteers, Kids Hope Mentors and Townline PTC for their time and dedication this school year.

As educators, one of our concerns is that our students who have worked hard and shown grit all year to make gains in reading, writing and math may not practice those vital skills over the summer. Research shows that struggling readers lose ground over the summer and these losses are cumulative, creating a wider gap each year.

Please don't let this happen to your child! Listed below you will find several ways to address this summer academic achievement loss.

- Practice reading by continuing to read 20-30 minutes each day
- Visit the Public Library
- www.login.i-ready.com - username is: Student ID#, Password: tigers
- kpssummergames.weebly.com This is a Kentwood School website with Language Arts and Math games for levels K-5. This site has several options for every grade level.
- Keep a journal of summer activities

Since this is the last Townline Tiger Tracks for the year, I want to thank you for helping to make this school year an outstanding one.

I look forward to working with you and your children next year.

Enjoy your summer.

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Upcoming Events

June 2, 2017
Science Fair 2:45—3:30 pm

June 6, 2017
5th Grade Camp

June 7, 2017
5th Grade Field Day

June 14, 2017
K-2 Awards Ceremony 10:00 am
3-5 Awards Ceremony and
5th Grade Celebration 1:15 pm

June 15, 2017
Last Day of School—1/2 Day
12:00 pm Dismissal

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Upcoming Dates for 17-18 School Year

August 9, 2017
Registration 9:00 am—7:30 pm

August 10, 2017
Registration 7:00 am—3:00 pm

August 21, 2017
Open House 5:30—7:00

August 22, 2017
First Day of School

August 25, 2017
NO SCHOOL
Teacher Professional Development

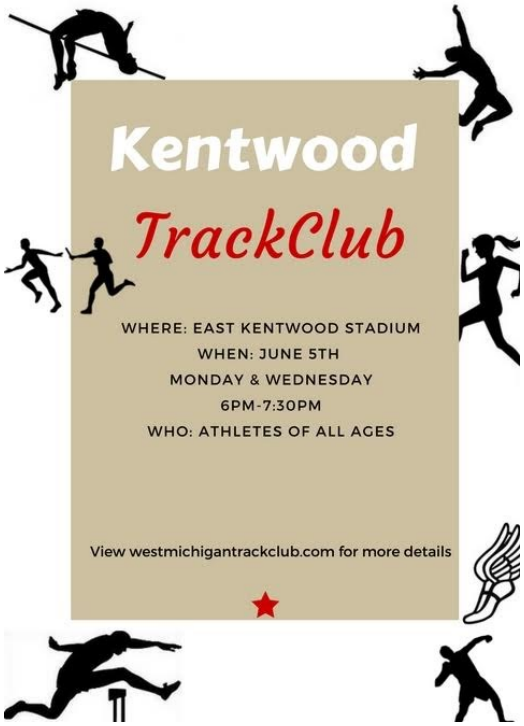
September 1, 2017
NO SCHOOL—Labor Day Weekend

September 4, 2017
NO SCHOOL—Labor Day

Reminders

All medications must be picked up by Noon on June 15 or they must be disposed of by law. THANK YOU!

Track Club



Perfect Attendance

Perfect Attendance Winners for April!

Levi H.—Y5
Jovaun M.—Y5
Kerstin G.—K
Raymond L.—K
Sofia K.—K
Merisa T.—K
Grace N.—1
Nicholaus V.—1
Ankit G.—1
Christian M.—1
James G.—2
Brooklynne M.—2
Staila A.—2
Kelline K—2
Markella' L.—3
Travis S.—3
Mye'Michael B.—3
Aden G.—3
Daniel D.—4
Anais R.—4
Victor H.—4
Nathan T.—4
Reyli B.—5
Shonima T.—5
James C.—5
Rylee M.—5

PTC News

Any parents wishing to participate in next year's PTC, please attend last meeting of year on **Monday**, June 12th. Looking to fill President, vice-president, and treasurer.

Thanks for all the support for the 2016/2017 school.

Counselor's Corner

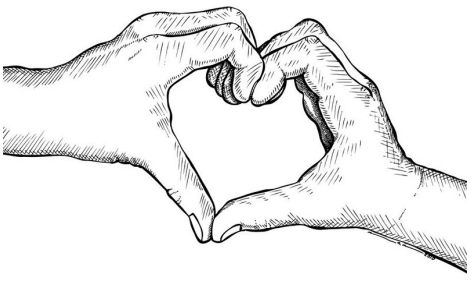
How to teach our children about compassion: Part II

5. Care for a Pet

Bringing a pet into a family is certainly not a step to be taken lightly or impulsively, but it is worth giving serious consideration to providing your young person with the experience of caring for an animal, as a way to foster compassion. Children who care for pets learn important values such as responsibility, unconditional love, empathy, and compassion for all living things.

6. Read All About It

Children's books are great for providing a window into the experiences of others. As a School Counselor, my go-to children's writer is Trudy Ludwig, the award-winning author of such books as My Secret Bully (my all-time favorite pick for sparking conversations with kids about bullying and relational aggression) and The Invisible Boy, a great read for inspiring empathy and compassion for young people who find themselves on the periphery of school social hierarchies. For older kids, check out biographies of famous figureheads of compassion, such as the Dalai Lama or Mother Theresa.

7. Make a Wish

Acts of life-changing compassion can be only a click away. Use the internet to introduce your child to different charitable organizations that provide compassionate assistance to others. The Make-a-Wish Foundation provides hope, strength, and joy to children with life-threatening medical conditions. While for younger kids, the site may be too heart-wrenching or scary, older kids can have a truly impactful experience of being able to provide tangible help and joy to a peer. The experience can be life-changing for both giver and receiver.