

SOUTHWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

“SOARING TO SUCCESS”



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February 9, 2026
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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Winter Weather

Winter has certainly arrived here in Michigan. Please make sure your child is prepared for the snow and cold weather during their recess time. If the wind chill is zero or below we will stay inside for recess. We also look at the conditions of our playgrounds to make sure it is safe.

However, if it is warmer, your child is expected to go outside unless you have provided a note stating otherwise. If you need support with winter clothing for your student, please contact our office and we will do our best to help. Stay warm!

Thank you for your support.

Jeff Overkleeft, Principal

LOOKING AHEAD



February

Wednesday, Feb. 11
Monday, Feb. 16
Tuesday, Feb. 17
Wednesday, Feb 18
Friday, Feb. 20

Count Day
No School/Mid Winter Break
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PTC Meeting @ 4:20 PM
Popcorn Friday

March

Wednesday, Mar. 4
Friday, March 6
Wednesday, March 18
Friday, March 20

½ Day /Dismissal @ 12:15PM
Popcorn Friday
PTC Meeting @ 4:20 PM
Popcorn Friday

April

Thursday, April 2
April 3-10
Monday, April 13
Wednesday, April 15
Friday, April 17

½ Day/Dismissal @ 12:15 PM
Spring Break – No School
Classes Resume
PTC Meeting @ 4:20 PM
Popcorn Friday

Reminder
Mid Winter Break
No School

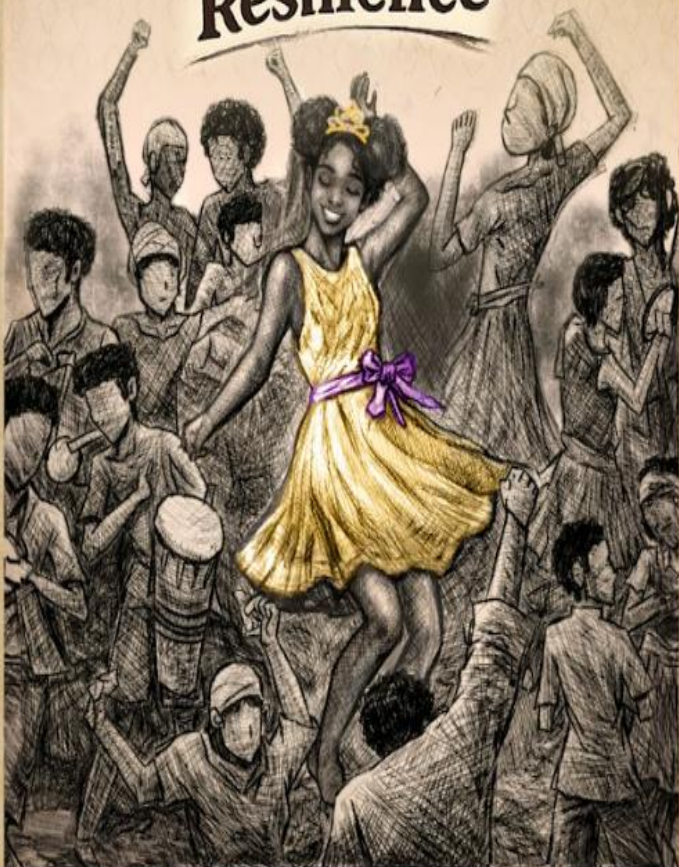
Monday, February 16, 2026 and
Tuesday, February 17, 2026

PTC MEETING
Wednesday, February 18
4:20 PM

Everyone is welcome and we appreciate
your ideas and input.

Kentwood Public Schools Annual Black History Program
EKHS Fine Arts Auditorium

Voices of Freedom; Roots of Resilience



FEBRUARY 18, 2026

KPS For more information call 616-698-6700

Community Reception 5:30-6:15
Program & Student Performance 6:30-8:00

Reach Out to Youth Movin' to the Beat!

FREE educational event for parents and children for a fun day of learning about muscles!



AGES 7-11

MSU Secchia Center 15 Michigan St. NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

February 21, 2026
8am - 1pm



College of Human Medicine
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

It's showtime!



NEXT FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Money due **THURSDAY!**

EKHS GRASSROOTS EDUCATORS PRESENT:

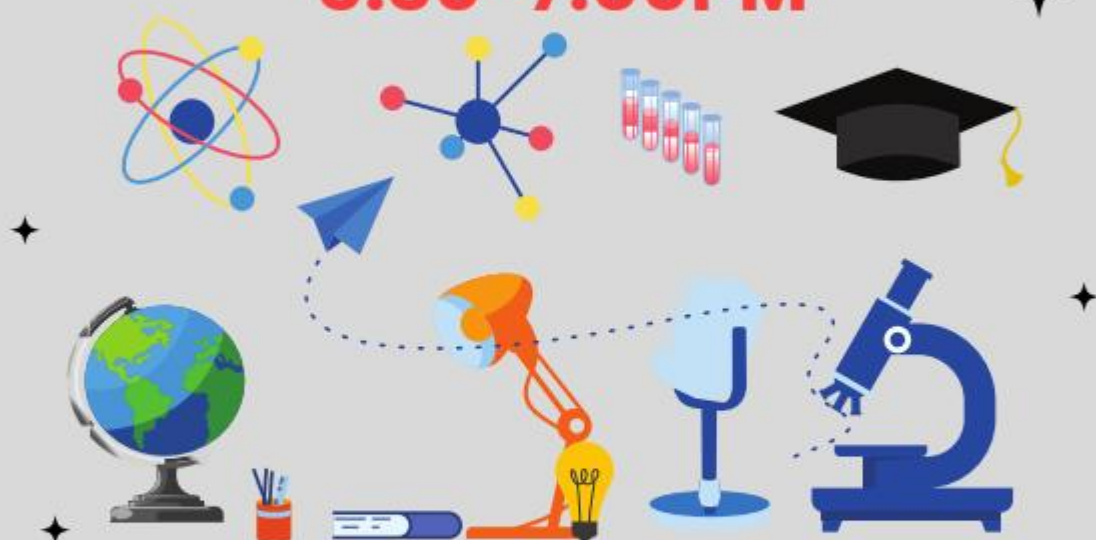
STEAM NIGHT

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH

SOUTHWOOD ELEMENTARY

TUESDAY, MARCH 3

5:30-7:00PM



A Free Community Event

Hands-on activities

Educational games ✦

Food!

Join us as EKHS students lead you and
your family through a fun learning
experience!



Attendance



HIGHLIGHT

In January, 41.6% of students were at 90% or below attendance rate.

That means 158 students out of 380 have missed 10% or more school days.



INSIGHT

Missing 10% of school days by the end of January usually means about 18 days, which translates to roughly 126 hours of missed school.

We want our students here as much as possible. We miss our students when they aren't here.



WAYS TO IMPROVE ATTENDANCE

- Establish morning routines
- Plan ahead for appointments to avoid school hours
- Prepare clothes and lunch the night before
- Talk positively about school
- Reach out for help



RESOURCES

If you are experiencing any barriers or need any resources please contact Meghan Swayne via email or phone number.

meghan.swayne@kentwoodps.org

616-426-4280 ext. 27301

CHEER

REGISTRATION

- WEEKLY CHEER PRACTICE
- WEEKLY GYMNASTICS
- PERSONALIZED WELCOME GIFTS
- ANNUAL PINK-OUT GAME FOR BREAST CANCER AWARENESS
- RED AND BLACK BOW (1)
- PINK-OUT BOW (1)
- PINK-OUT SOCKS (1)

DEADLINE
July 24th
2026

\$115 PER ATHLETE

GRADES 3RD (AGE 8) - 6TH

- POM POMS
- CHEER CAMP
- END OF THE YEAR BANQUET
- END OF SEASON GIFTS
- AND MORE!

PINEWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL

2100 60TH ST SE

GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49508

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