



Rocket Pride

# KELLOGGSVILLE

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## Kindergarten Round Up Parent Meeting

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Southeast Kelloggsville Elementary  
240 – 52nd St., S.E.

This important meeting is for parents/guardians of children who will be entering kindergarten for the 2010-11 school year. (Children must be 5 on or before December 1, 2010 to qualify.)

Please bring the following items with you to register your child:

1. Original State or County Birth Certificate (raised seal document)
2. Child's Immunization Record
3. Proof of Residency (current utility bill & driver's license)



## Preschool Registration

Preschool registration for the 2010-11 school year is now open! Children who will be 4 on or before December 1, 2010 can be registered at the Kelloggsville Early Childhood Center, (KECC), 977 – 44th St., S.W., Wyoming.

Please bring the following information:

- Child's State or County Birth Certificate (raised seal document)
- 2 Proofs of Residency (driver's license and current utility bill)
- Child's Immunization Record
- Income Verification

If you have any questions, please call KECC at 532-1585. ■



## Kelloggsville – Sustaining A District

Tammy Savage  
Director of Literacy/Media



When the recent earthquake in Haiti occurred, it drew the world's attention to an area of need. The immediate focus was to assist a population with necessities, but the focus will shift to one of sustaining Haiti for a long time to come. In much the same way, Michigan continues to deal with economic woes. While the state continues to work on solving the immediate needs of lower unemployment rates, attracting businesses, and improving school funding, it will become critical for us as a district to look at our own sustainability efforts.

Two newly developed areas have been the focus of these efforts within Kelloggsville. The first is the VIPS program. Volunteers in Public Schools will become a crucial focus during the next few years. Currently, approximately 20 retired Kelloggsville District employees spend time within various buildings reading with students and supporting staff in needed areas. Volunteering does so much for everyone – it provides caring, compassionate individuals with an opportunity to be of service and it provides a way to teach our students the importance of service to others.

A second area being developed is a group called the Kelloggsville Community Coalition. This group of area business and church leaders have been involved in working with the district to identify key areas within the community where we all can work together. These efforts include showcasing area businesses through school-sponsored events such as Rocket Family Nights and the Community Pride Festival as well as identifying and organizing community projects such as clean-up and outreach, and fostering open communication on ways we can best be of service to each other.

It doesn't take a natural disaster, like an earthquake, to become involved, however, it does take asking, what can I do to make sure this community remains stable? Let us know how we can be of service or how you would like to become involved. Two excellent opportunities await – join the VIPS or the Kelloggsville Community Coalition. If you want more information or have questions, please contact Tammy Savage at 538-7460 or [tsavage@kvilleps.org](mailto:tsavage@kvilleps.org). ■

# BUILDING NEWS

## EAST



### Read 180

READ 180 is a reading intervention program used for students in 4th and 5th grade whose reading is below proficiency. The goal of the program is to increase students' fluency, decoding, vocabulary and comprehension skills. Whole group and small group instruction is provided by the teacher. Reading skills are purposely taught. Students are motivated by high interest literature, short video clips and various types of activities provided by the computer software. This program utilizes differentiated instructional levels for all students who participate. ■

### MLK Day

The 5th grade students in Mrs. Wieber's class celebrated MLK Day by presenting persuasive speeches to the members of East Elementary. Each student chose to take a stand on an issue they felt was important and present their stand in a persuasive speech that included personal opinions, statistics and at least one Core Democratic Value. ■

### Gemini

On February 2, East Kelloggsville had the nationally known family music duo Gemini perform a concert for their students. The concert included singing and instruments from around the world. The students really enjoyed the interactive assembly. ■



### Team 21

TEAM 21 had a wonderful time exploring the Children's Museum in January. Imaginations were running wild as the kids pretended to be dentists, doctors, veterinarians, musicians, chefs, etc. The kids loved discovering the unique and exciting hands-on exhibits that the museum offered. ■



## SOUTHEAST

### Cherry Street Dental Clinic

During the month of January, the Cherry Street Dental Clinic came to Southeast Elementary for three days. Many students received x-rays and then saw the dentist. Later that month, the dental hygienists came back to apply sealants and clean teeth. All the students did an awesome job! ■



### Sarah Plain and Tall

Some of the fourth graders at Southeast were reading Sarah Plain and Tall with Mrs. Wolters, a writing teacher, to find examples of strong writing. The students noticed examples of descriptive writing that painted pictures in their heads. They discussed what words were used to make these descriptions come to life, and then how to apply this writing strategy to their own pieces. ■



## WEST ELEMENTARY

### Basketball

The upper elementary students at West Kelloggsville Elementary have spent January learning basketball skills. West's Physical Education teacher, Mr. Johnson, has been impressed with the improved skills and related basketball knowledge already attained by the students. Some examples of the lessons that have been presented include: learning the four basic passes, participating in dribble relays, playing a game called "King of the Court," using BEEF fundamentals to teach students how to properly shoot the basketball, as well as learning a game called "Sideline Basketball," which is a version of 4 on 4 basketball. Students appear to love the sport and the related lessons. Great job to the West students and for their continued best effort! ■



### Hearts for HAITI

To help the people of Haiti, the student leadership team at West organized a pop can drive to raise money. The number of cans collected per classroom was tallied and the winning classroom received a prize. Thank you to all the families that participated in this worthwhile fundraiser! ■

### Important Dates

**Parent/Teacher Conferences – Wed. & Thurs., March 3 & 4  
4:30 – 8:30 p.m.**

*Elementary conferences are scheduled.*

*Secondary conferences are on a first come basis.*

**No School – Friday, March 5 (Staff & Students)**

**No School – Friday, March 26, End of 3rd MP (PD/Records)**

**No School – Monday - Friday, April 5 – 9, Spring Break**

**Annual School Election – Tuesday, May 4**

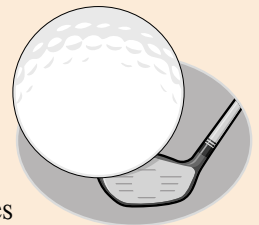
### Save the Date

**Kelloggsville Education Foundation Golf Outing**

**Friday, June 18, 2010**

9:30 a.m. Shotgun Start  
The Pines Golf Course

\$45 per person – includes:  
Grilled Steak/Chicken Buffet & Prizes  
More info to come...



### Start your Day Right With Breakfast!

### School Days + Morning Nutrition = Student Success!!

Mornings can be really crazy! The alarm doesn't go off, the kids don't want to get up and there's no time to eat breakfast before the bus comes, or they're just not ready to eat. Does your teenager grab a soda and a candy bar on the way to school? If this sounds like your house, we have good news for you!!

**As of January 25, breakfast is now available FREE to ALL students!!**

Your child will find breakfast at school provides not only a nutritious meal but also a relaxed atmosphere for socializing with friends and siblings. Recent studies show a link between nutrition and learning, and a nutritious breakfast helps students stay more alert so they can actively participate in class. Take advantage of this option to ensure your child eats a nutritious breakfast! If you have questions, please contact Brenda Jansen in Food Service at 532-1576. ■



## MIDDLE SCHOOL



### *Gifted & Talented*

On January 18, fifteen middle school students competed in the school-wide spelling bee. These students qualified for the bee by winning classroom and grade-level bees in December. After several rounds of spelling some very difficult words, seventh-grader Angelina Constant spelled the word paramecium and was named the champion. She will be joined by runner-up Johnathan Smith in representing KMS at the regional spelling bee on February 23. Congratulations to all the spellers who participated! ■

### *Math Graffiti*

Ms. Morlock's 8th grade students are solving equations in a unique way. Students are making their problems look like graffiti and posting them on a poster board that covers one whole wall of the classroom. In the photo, Alison Jackiewicz is hanging her algafiti on the wall for all to see. ■



### *Paintings Displayed at Kendall College*

Uyen Nguyen, an 8th grade student, stands with her painting that was on display at Kendall College during the MAEA Region 9 show held January 28th. Her work will continue on to the state competition in Lansing during the month of March. Uyen's piece was one of three Middle School art pieces selected for this show. Marcelous Jackson (8th grade) and Ngan Nguyen (6th grade) also had art on display. ■



### *Children's Health Insurance*

Do your children have health insurance? You may qualify for Michigan's free or low cost health insurance. This is a comprehensive health insurance for children 18 years of age and younger that covers the cost of regular check-ups; vision and dental care; immunizations; and prescriptions. The YMCA is now a certified assisting agency for the Children's Health Insurance Program. Contact Deborah or Penny at 855-9686 or log onto [www.childrenshealth@gymca.org](http://www.childrenshealth@gymca.org) for more information. ■



### *Rocket Family Night*

Our Rocket Family Nights are in full swing once again this year! All Kelloggsville residents are invited to join us for a free dinner served 5:30 – 6:00 p.m. in the High School cafeteria, (23 Jean St., S.E.). The remaining dates for the 2010-11 school year are:

Wednesday, March 10 - Taco Bar

Wednesday, March 24 - Lasagna

After dinner, from 6:15 – 7:00 p.m., a variety of learning sessions and activities are also offered. We hope to see you there!! ■



### *Cub Scouts' Pinewood Derby*

Pack #3361 will be hosting a Pinewood Derby, craft and bake sale on Saturday, March 13 from 10:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. in the Middle School gym. For more information about joining the Cub Scouts (boys in 1st – 5th grade), stop by our event or contact Shawn Osborn at 616-534-0430. Come out and support the Cub Scouts!! ■



## HIGH SCHOOL

### KHS Spring Play

The next production of the Kelloggsville High School Players will be "Cinderella."

The familiar plot revolves around a girl deprived of her rightful station in the family and given the cruel nickname "Cinderella" by her wicked stepmother and vain stepsisters. Although forced into a life of domestic servitude she was a girl of unparalleled goodness and sweet temper. One day the Prince invited all the young ladies in the land to a ball so he could choose a wife. As the two stepsisters were invited, they gleefully planned their wardrobes. Although Cinderella assisted them and dreamed of going to the dance, they taunted her by saying a "cinder" maid could never attend a ball. The poor girl bore it patiently. Cinderella accepts the help of her attendant spirit ("fairy godmother") who transforms her to attend a royal ball and attract the attention of the handsome prince. After leaving the ball in a hurry and leaving her slipper, the Prince vowed to find and marry the girl to whom it belonged.

The Prince tried the slipper on all the women in the kingdom. When the Prince arrived at Cinderella's villa, the stepsisters tried in vain. When Cinderella asked if she might try, the stepsisters taunted her. Naturally, the slipper fit perfectly, and Cinderella and the Prince were reunited. The wicked stepmother and stepsisters begged for forgiveness, and Cinderella forgave them for their cruelties proving once again that love and goodness can prevail.

*The play will be presented March 19th and 20th in the high school auditorium. Curtain raises at 7 p.m. Tickets are only \$6.00 for adults and \$4.00 for students/seniors. Tickets may be purchased at the door on the night of the performance. ■*

### Summer Driver Education

All youth, including private, parochial, or out-of-school, residing in the Kelloggsville School District and meeting the age and eligibility requirements, may register at the high school office for summer driver education. Registration forms will be available the week of March 15, 2010.

Proof of age (birth certificate) will be required for students not currently enrolled at Kelloggsville High School or Middle School, or Discovery High School. Students may select session preference at the time of registration. A student must be no younger than 14 years 8 months at the start of driver education.

Sessions are scheduled as follows:

Session I June 17 – July 9, 2010

Session II July 12 – July 30, 2010

Please direct any questions to Mr. Brieve at 532-1590. ■



### CHOIR

Kelloggsville Schools were once again represented at the MSVMA Regional Honors Choir Concert. Approximately 150 students were chosen from over 500 who initially auditioned to perform at Rogers High School on December 5, 2009. Alicia Gaitan, Jie Lin and Kandace Cannon were among those selected and are pictured here before their final concert that evening. Further congratulations are extended to Miss Lin and Miss Cannon for being chosen to perform with MSVMA State Honors Choir at DeVos Hall on January 23, 2010! ■



*Pictured seated: Chris' Mother, Katrina White & sister, O'Sheona; Chris Brown; Football Coaches, Don Galster & Dion Charity. Standing: Bruce Foster, KPS Athletic Director.*

Kelloggsville senior, Chris Brown has signed a letter of intent to play football at Northern Michigan University this fall. Chris received a partial scholarship where he hopes to pursue a degree in Criminal Justice. Chris has participated and excelled in many Rocket sports besides his four years in football. He participated one year in baseball, two years in track & field, and four years in wrestling. Twice as a wrestler, Chris received All-Conference honors, one year as District Champion, Regional Champion and State Champion. In football he was All Conference for two years, one year as All-Area, and 1st Team All-State. We are very proud of you Chris and wish you much success!! ■

## Board of Education Annual Election

There will be one (1) four-year [term expires June 30, 2014] and one (1) one-year partial [term expires June 30, 2011] Board of Education positions to be filled at the annual school election that will be held on Tuesday, May 4, 2010. The following candidates are running for the two separate open seats:

*Timothy Pomorski – Four-Year Term*

*Debra Sellers – One-Year Partial Term*

### ***Kelloggsville Tentative Polling Locations are as follows:***

*Polls are open at 7:00 a.m. and will remain open until 8:00 p.m.*

<i>City of Kentwood</i>	Wd 1, Pct 1, 4 & 5	Kentwood Activities Center – 355 – 48th St. SE
<i>City of Wyoming</i>	Wd 1, Pct 5	Rogers High School – 1350 Prairie Pkwy
	Wd 1, Pct 6	Kelloggsville High School – 23 Jean St. SW
	Wd 1, Pct 7	Grand Valley Armory – 1200 – 44th SW
	Wd 1, Pct 8	Ideal Park Christian Reformed Church 320 – 56th St. SW



***Tim Pomorski***

Tim Pomorski and his wife Renee live at 240 Elwell. They have two daughters, Krista who is a 2006 graduate and Haley, who is a senior at the high school. Tim and Renee are both graduates of Kelloggsville and have lived in the community all their lives. Tim has been in the automotive field for 28 years including service and repair, selling and consulting.

Tim has served on the Kelloggsville Board of Education over the last four years as a trustee, treasurer, and board president. In addition, he has been actively involved on several committees including the Facility Committee and the Community Coalition Committee.

Tim looks forward to serving four more years on the Board of Education because he feels that there are many good things happening at Kelloggsville. He would also like to continue being an active part of the decision-making process in an effort to keep the district moving forward to produce the best educational system possible for our students. ■



***Deb Sellers***

Deb Sellers and her husband Craig, have lived in the Kelloggsville School District for the past 14 years. Their daughter Michelle is a senior at the high school and son Craig is in 8th grade at the middle school.

Deb has 19 years experience working in public education with the Wyoming Public Schools District, the last eleven years in the Technology Department. Deb was selected to fill an open seat on the Board of Education this past year. She is active on the Kelloggsville Education Foundation, the Community Coalition Committee, and the Social Diversity Committee. Deb is also the Secretary of the Senior Parents and has served as Secretary of the Kelloggsville Boosters this past year.

Deb is committed to continuing the ongoing quality education and extra-curricular programs for all Kelloggsville students through this very tough economic time. She feels honored to serve on the Board of Education and would like to continue to serve the students of Kelloggsville Public Schools. ■